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Super job

Cleanup, spending continues for industrial waste areas

By Jason White
Staff writer

For 18 years, the Superfund program has been cleaning up the mess of an era when industries and individuals weren't aware of the hazards posed by toxic waste.

Congress passed the Superfund law in December 1980 in response to New York's Love Canal, where hundreds of families fled from a neighborhood built over a hazardous waste site.

About 1,300 sites nationwide have been placed on the Superfund list, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that up to 30,000 sites have yet to be identified.

"It's a large problem," said Dion Novak, remedial project manager at the U.S. EPA's District 5 office in Chicago. Currently, several such sites are being treated in the Tri-Cities area, including several sites near downtown Granite City — most prominently, the War Memorial Park.

The first step in the process is for citizens or local agencies to contact the EPA about a suspected toxic waste site.

Next, the EPA determines the course of action. Some sites need emergency cleanup, while others require long-term study.

The EPA also encourages residents to form Community Advisory Groups, a public forum for those affected by the site.

After establishing a plan, the EPA contacts the responsible parties and negotiates cleanup costs. The law allows the EPA to order the cleanup if negotiations fail.

"There are a good number of companies that are willing to deal with the problems, and there are others that aren't," Novak said.

If the polluter can't be identified, the EPA draws from a

'The EPA has made some strides to increase the communication with the people who live in these neighborhoods. (But) we have a long way to go.'

The Rev. Buck Jones
advocacy group director

trust fund made up of taxes on the chemical industry, the largest private-sector producer of toxic waste.

Often, the trust fund pays for the initial cleanup and the EPA later attempts to recoup the cost through legal action.

Novak said the process takes an average of 10 years. "A lot of our sites are at the tail end of the cleanup process," he said.

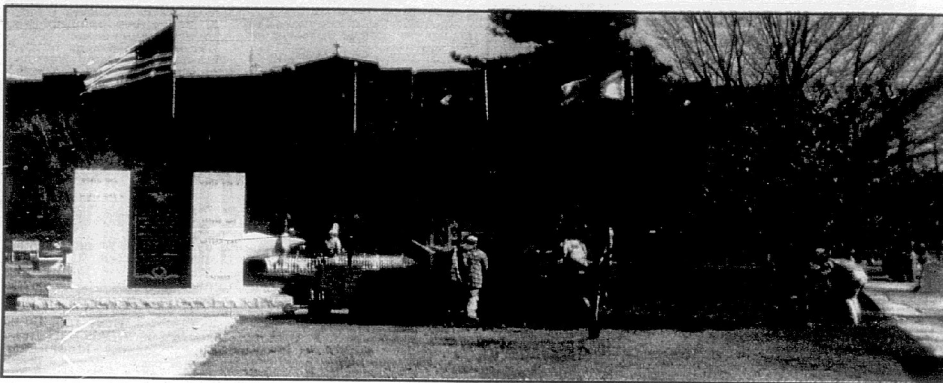
At the program's onset, officials estimated it would take five years and \$5 billion for Superfund to complete its mission.

But by 1995, the program had spent \$35.6 billion to remove 82 sites from the list, many without any cleanup, according to the Houston Chronicle. About one-third of the costs were in litigation, the newspaper reported.

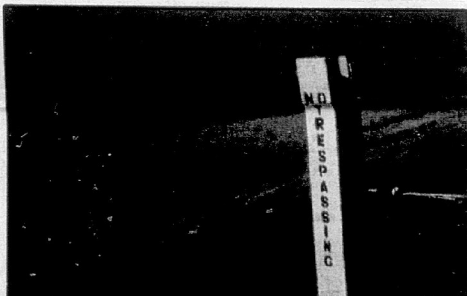
The key principle of the Superfund law is that polluters are liable for cleanup, even if the waste disposal was legal at the time and regardless of how long ago the pollution occurred.

Much of the criticism of Superfund came from industry lobbyists, who argued that the

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and OHM Corp. are busy giving a facelift to the Greater Granite City War Memorial. The work includes removing the top layers of soil, a long-familiar sight in Granite City. The memorial park is scheduled to be finished by Memorial Day.



Staff photos by JASON WHITE

Ponds along Cargill Road in Cahokia are contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), a cancer-causing compound banned in 1976. This view is from atop the levy just east of the Mississippi River.

Taracorp, Jennison-Wright lead area's Superfund sites

By Jason White

The Metro East has 25 sites identified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Superfund program.

The nation's most dangerous hazardous waste sites are placed on the National Priorities List. The three NFL sites in the Metro East are:

• NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site in Granite City: This site was used for metal refining and reprocessing used batteries and lead-bearing scrap. The EPA determined that people could be affected by breathing contaminated dust, and groundwater at the site did not meet standards for drinking water.

The cleanup plan for the site includes a landfill cap over

contaminated materials, the site's waste and an approved facility; and pumping the groundwater into a public treatment facility.

• Jennison-Wright Corp. Superfund Site in Granite City: This site closed in 1990 and was used to manufacture asphalt sealants and to treat wooden blocks and railroad ties with creosotes, a wood preservative.

Homes are within 50 feet of the site, and residents have expressed concern about exposure to contaminants, especially dioxins. Initial sampling identified a variety of toxins, and further sampling is needed to develop a cleanup plan.

• Saugeat Area No. 1 and No. 2 Superfund Site in Saugeat Area No. 1 includes three hazardous waste sites. (See SITES, Page 6A)

1998 Women of Achievement named

Ten outstanding women have been selected as 1998 Women of Achievement.

The exceptional women, and the categories in which they were selected, are Mary Randolph Ballinger, volunteerism; Lisa Baue, business and community; Charmaine Chapman, community betterment; Margaret Dagen, lifetime achievement;

Karen Duffy, social responsibility; Barbara S. Eagleton, cultural enrichment; Joan Lipic, volunteer leadership; Grace Shen Lo, international awareness; Sister Mary Jean Ryan, civic responsibility; and Denise Wright, community service. These women join 421



women who have been honored since the program began in 1955.

The Suburban Journals and KMOX-AM (1120) sponsor the Women of Achievement.

The awards will be presented to the 1998 honorees at a noon luncheon May 6 at the Ritz-Carlton-St. Louis. Reservations for luncheon tickets are \$25 per person

and may be ordered by sending a check to Women of Achievement, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, 63131.

The deadline for reservations is April 24. Seating will be at tables of 10.

For those wishing to sit together, reservations and payment for the group should be made at the same time. Those attending the luncheon on behalf of a particular honoree also should include the name of the honoree.

For more information about this year's Women of Achievement, see the special page at the back of this section.

Domain question

East St. Louis approves shredder annexation

By Scott Cousins
and Jason White
Staff writers

The East St. Louis City Council approved the annexation Sunday of a controversial plot of land owned by St. Louis Auto Shredding.

The annexation may spawn a court fight because the Southwest Illinois Development Authority had already approved eminent domain over part of the shredder's land in National City at the request of St. Clair County and Gateway International Raceway, which wants to build a parking lot on the site.

The auto shredder will enter an agreement with East St. Louis before the shredder expands its landfill, which it now uses for waste from the shredder operation. The agreement would cover damage to nearby homes, set aside jobs for city residents and minimize

road damage, dust and noise.

The auto shredder, officially known as National City Environmental LLC, also agreed to pay any legal costs related to disputes over the annexation. About 277 acres in National City are now part of East St. Louis.

The council approved the annexation following a public hearing Sunday at North End Baptist Church. Neighborhood residents had vehemently opposed the annexation, but agreed after Sunday's hearing that having the shredder regulated by the city was better than not having any control.

About 100 people attended a public hearing Wednesday on the annexation, with most in opposition. About 20 people spoke at the hearing, all but two in opposition to either the

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Council boasts storm of progress

By Scott Mandrell
Staff writer

Gateway Center in Collinsville saw many of downstate Illinois' most powerful men and women gathered together Friday night.

The 1998 Leadership Council Southwest Illinois dinner was the occasion. And progress was the recurring theme.

Despite the area's first major lightning

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storm of the year bringing torrential rains, electrical and telephone outages, the evening was well-attended. Several hundred business persons, local, state and federal officials, as well as a host of active citizens from around the region crowded into the north lobby of the con-

vention center for a pre-dinner reception. Among the elected officials in attendance were U.S. Sen. Richard Durbin (D-Springfield), Congressman Jerry Costello (D-Bellefonte) and John Shimkus (R-Collinsville) and state Reps. Jay Hoffman (D-Collinsville) and Tom Holbrook (D-Bellefonte).

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The tickets are available for anyone wishing to go to the game — not necessarily senior citizens. The bus will take the group off at the gate and pick them up at the same location after the game.

The tickets are in the Ter-

The cost of the tickets and bus transportation is \$15. The game will go on sale at the Wilson Park Ice Rink at 8 a.m. on April 14. This is the same day that the Cedar Rapids team will be in the city to support for the Park District's three-day trip to Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The tickets will be issued on the day of the game at the time of departure at the Ice Rink.

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Illinois marshals capture fugitive

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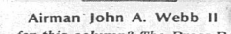
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NEWS

Assessment change

IP rep discusses changes with village

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Pontoon Beach Trustees have been told by utility company officials that changes have to be made in the way utility taxes are being assessed and collected or the village will lose money.

The changes are necessary because of recent legislation deregulating utilities.

Jim DeVore, customer relations manager in Granite City for Illinois Power, briefed trustees at Tuesday's board meeting.

"I want to make certain you are aware there are decisions you have to make under this bill, and there are certain time lines you have to be aware of," he said.

He said the 271-page law is an "extremely complicated" piece of legislation — in part because so many people and groups were involved in it.

"There's an old cliché that politics is the art of compromise," he said. "This legislation is a textbook example of that."

The major change for the village is in the utility tax, which provides a large portion of the village's revenue.

"In a deregulated environment, utility cost for electricity is going to go down, state utility taxes and municipal taxes that are tied to those incomes would go down," he said. "It was a concern."

'There's an old cliché that politics is the art of compromise. This legislation is a textbook example of that.'

Jim DeVore
Illinois Power

Municipalities need that income.

To correct the problem, the deregulation legislation includes formulas for converting the utility taxes to a usage-based proportional rate.

"By making changes through an ordinance, the amount of revenue would remain the same," he said.

"It assures that the municipalities are receiving the same revenue."

However, DeVore said in running numbers, there are some cases where the change in the rate structure will affect the tax revenues.

He said factors such as a larger industrial or commercial base could create that situation.

The new law allows an "alternative" method for designing rate blocks to mit-

gate that.

"The only problem with the alternative method is that it does require Illinois Commerce Commission approval," DeVore said.

The basic proportional method requires an ordinance, while the second requires an ordinance plus ICC approval.

"If you do decide to go with the alternative method, Illinois Power Co. will be more than happy to do a lot of the leg-work for you," DeVore said.

He added that they have sample ordinances available, but timing is very important because of a scheduled 15 percent electrical rate reduction set for Aug. 1.

Everything must be in place before that date or the village would lose money. It would take 90 days to set up an alternative method, requiring Board action by May 1.

For the basic proportional method, 60 days is required, meaning village action must take place by June 1.

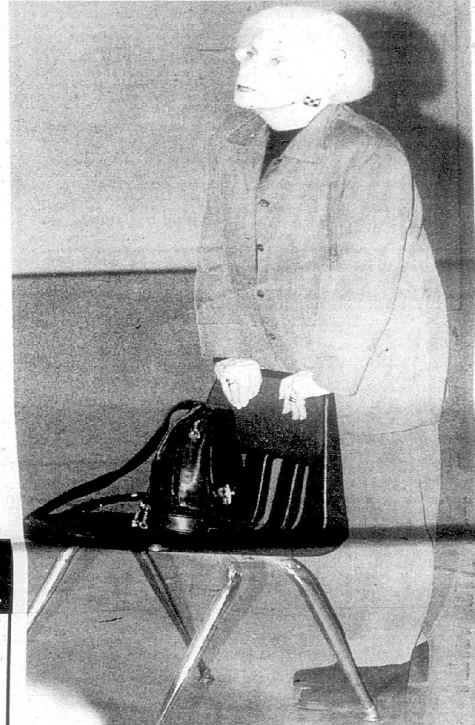
DeVore also told trustees there would be changes in some services provided by IP. Specifically, some free services offered by the utility, such as paying for a percentage of street lights, would discontinue.

Instead, the utility would pay the city each year for the value of the services, and would then bill the customers.



Holocaust refugee

Holocaust survivor Ilse Altman speaks to a group of Prather Elementary School students about her experiences in escaping from Nazi Germany during World War II. Altman's parents sent her out of Germany when she was 12, and she eventually arrived in America when she was 16. She was the oldest child, and her family hoped she could send for her family after she escaped the Nazis. Altman's parents were among the Jews killed during Hitler's reign, but her brother survived the concentration camps. Altman spoke to the students recently after they studied the history of the Holocaust.



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Her paternal great grandmother is the late Lucille Roberts.

Hailey's Maternal great, great grandmother is Louise Pinon.

Paula Shane & Dawn Broska are her aunts.

Fred E. Ferguson is her uncle.

Mariah Shane-Ferguson is her cousin.

All Family Members are from GC & welcome Hailey.

Bethel sets banquet

Bethel AME Church, 1035 Market in Madison—is-hosting a Brotherhood and Founder's Day Banquet at 8 p.m., April 11, at the Venice Recreation Center on Broadway in Venice. The guest speaker will be Dr. Carl F. Hunter, general officer of the AME Church, department of church extension. Donation is \$20. For more information, call 876-4448, the Rev. John Q. Owens, pastor.

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NEWS

Committee favors new I-64 interchange

By Mark Hodapp
Staff writer

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on Tuesday is in favor of a new Interstate 64 interchange that could be built at North Greenmount Road in O'Fallon.

The committee has recommended to Congress that \$4.8 million be allocated to the interchange, which could be constructed in 2000.

O'Fallon Mayor Gary Graham said the interchange will further enhance the city's development efforts, adding it also would help reduce the traffic on Hartman Lane and U.S. 50. Both of those roads currently experience back-ups, especially at rush hour.

Graham said he also believes the city should now consider extending Ashland Avenue to Central Park Plaza, too. Ashland Avenue currently dead ends at Old Collinsville Road.

Central Park Plaza is located off Hartman Lane, and is expected to connect into North Greenmount next year.

The city has already purchased 44 acres around the proposed interchange for \$1.5 million, Graham said.

O'Fallon already has secured three of the four corners of the interchange. The fourth corner is located in Shiloh.

Graham said he expects several businesses will relocate near the interchange.

For instance, Graham said he'd like to see a hotel and conference center built at one of the corners.

Design of the interchange is expected to start shortly.

The O'Fallon City Council passed a resolution earlier this month that authorized Graham to enter an intergovernmental agreement with Shiloh and St. Clair County for design of the interchange.

A similar resolution is also expected to be approved by the St. Clair County Board and the Shiloh Village Board. Both of these boards are expected to discuss the interchange at its Monday meetings.

By entering into this agreement, O'Fallon has committed \$187,000 for the preliminary engineering work of the interchange.

The county and Shiloh are expected to contribute \$250,000 and \$62,500 for this engineering work respectively.

Man charged in murder of Spanish Lake woman

By Barbara Ponder
Staff writer

A man and woman meet in a bar. They talk, maybe play pinball or video games, then leave together to go to another establishment.

Police believe that common scenario resulted in the murder of Deborah L. Fink, 28, of Spanish Lake.

"I'm sure right up until the point it was too late, this guy appeared to be a charming, nice guy," Capt. Pat McCarrick said of James D. McCollum.

McCullum, 32, is charged with first-degree murder in the beating death of Fink last week. He is being held without bond in St. Louis County Jail. Police arrested McCollum, a self-employed construction worker, near Piedmont, Mo., without incident early Sunday morning. He is a resident of unincorporated North County near Interstate 70 and Lucas and Hunt Road.

Fink, who was unemployed, had worked as a building aide at the Hazelwood Central High School day-care center from Oct. 13 through March 20.

McCarrick, of the St. Louis County Major Case Squad, said Fink was so badly beaten that dental records were used to identify her.

McCarrick would not comment on McCollum's motive for beating Fink, but he said Fink did not appear to be sexually assaulted. The medical examiner's report also showed that Fink was not intoxicated.

"We have no blood-alcohol content on the suspect," McCarrick said. "But there certainly is reason to believe he was drinking."

McCarrick said Fink met McCollum in the early afternoon of March 25 at a bar on North Lindbergh in Florissant. Fink, who was a regular patron of the bar, first met McCollum that day. McCollum and a friend began drinking at the bar that morning.

Fink and McCollum talked and played a trivia game until about 7 p.m., then Fink left her car at the place and went with McCollum to a lounge on St. Charles Rock Road in St. Ann. The two spent a short time there, then went to a Bridgeton bar.

By Mark Hodapp
Staff writer

Authorization to extend MetroLink from Belleville Area College to MidAmerica Airport is now in the hands of Congress.

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on Tuesday approved the MetroLink extension, and \$6 million for a 27-mile multi-purpose bike trail that would run parallel to the light rail system.

Rep. Jerry Costello said, "While we have a long way to go until this bill becomes law, today's action by the committee is a strong step."

The extension of MetroLink from Belleville Area College to MidAmerica is tentatively slated for completion in 2003. However, Costello hopes to see it completed sooner.

The committee's approval is a first step toward completion of the 1998 Highway Transportation Bill, also known as the Build Efficient Surface Transportation and Equity Act.

The BESTEA legislation will go to the House of Representatives this week for consideration, Costello said.

Costello said he believes Congressional leaders want to pass the bill and have the president sign it into law by May 1, when the current highway authorization legislation expires.

The bill also recommends

funding for several other infrastructure projects in St. Clair County, including:

Replacement of the Lebanon Avenue Bridge and approaches in Belleville, at a federal cost share of \$1.04 million.

Expanding access to the industrial park in Saugeat, \$4.5 million.

Extension of South 74 Street in Belleville, \$600,000.

Street in Belleville, \$600,000.

Congress to decide future of light rail system

Convicted murderer still faces death sentence

By Mark Hodapp
and Nicole Vaughn
Staff writers

Convicted murderer Maynard McCullister Jr. will appeal a recent ruling that upheld his 1997 death sentence. He is seeking a reversal now from the Illinois Supreme Court.

Richard Roustio, St. Clair County's assistant public defender, could not convince St. Clair County Associate Judge James Radcliffe to throw out the death sentence that McCullister received in July.

McCullister, 35, is accused of killing five people in three

attacks during two weeks in December 1995.

A sixth victim lived. Roustio said McCullister, who has admitted having a drug problem, also has taken at least some responsibility for his actions. "He realizes what he did was possibly wrong," Roustio said.

Last week, McCullister returned to St. Clair County from Menard Correctional Center to contest the death sentence imposed by a jury for a triple killing in a Washington Park drug house. At that trial, McCullister was found guilty of the execution-style shootings of Stanley Williams, Ernestine McCoy and Orlando McCoy.

McCullister faces a second trial in St. Clair County for knifing one man to death and critically stabbing another at a nearby mobile home within four hours of the triple killing.

St. Clair County State's Attorney Robert Haida said Friday he plans to proceed with this case in May. He said he also was pleased that Radcliffe upheld the death sentence in the triple killing.

"I think the judge did the right thing," he said.

In Madison County, McCullister faces still another count of first-degree murder for the stabbing death of James Greer, 62, of Collinsville Township. McCullister was charged with that crime first after Greer's body was discovered on Christmas Eve 1995 in a shallow creek bed off Lebanon Road in Collinsville Township.

Authorities believe Greer had been killed the day before, possibly at a location in State

Park Place, before his body was dumped. Madison County State's Attorney William Haine said his office will wait for a decision on McCullister's appeal and review their case before deciding how or if to proceed with a trial.

Prosecutors sought the death penalty for McCullister in the triple killings because they believe he stole money from the drug house. Roustio added that McCullister was not charged with armed robbery and that there is no proof money was even in Williams' wallet.

In a motion filed Jan. 29, Roustio claimed McCullister was found guilty of criminal armed robbery, without being indicted nor receiving a criminal information against him.

"This is in direct violation of the defendant's constitutional rights," Roustio said.

Roustio said Thursday that the jury was never allowed to hear the victim's impact statement.

OBITUARIES

Frances Voyles

FRANCES M. (RAYHEL) VOYLES, 56, of Granite City died Sunday, March 29, 1998, at St. Mary's Hospital in Clayton, Mo. She was born May 21, 1939, in Marshall, Mo.

Mrs. Voyles was a bartender at Moose Lodge 247, a member of the Women of the Moose 247 and of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include her husband, Benjamin Voyles; her daughter, Louise (Eggin) Rayhel of Marshall; one daughter, Terri Roach of Marshall; one brother, Jerry Rayhel of Marshall; two sisters, Theresa Smith and Rosella Mead, both of Marshall; two grandchildren, Rickie Gosnell and Christina Erwin, both of Marshall; and one great-grandchild, Kasey.

She was preceded in death by her father, John Rayhel.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, April 1, at First Christian Church.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today at First Christian Church, with the Rev. John Cuthall officiating. Burial will be in Marshall Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Women of the Moose.

Werner Chapel handled the arrangements.

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George Arnold

GEORGE O. ARNOLD, 80, of Granite City died Sunday, March 29, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Mr. Arnold was born Jan. 29, 1918, in Granite City. He was a member of the Trinity Tabernacle, Kappa Men Fellowship Group and he was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include one son, Larry Arnold of Granite City; two daughters, Sharon Woodson of Granite City and Gina Bassett of Pompano Beach, Fla.; three sisters, Dora of Granite City and Esther Gardner of St. Louis; and one grandchild, Kasey.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ava Arnold; parents, George and Edith (Atkinson) Arnold; and one brother, Benjamin Arnold.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, April 1, at Werner Chapel.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Werner Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Mark Skiles officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hills Cemetery.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Francis Center 'a wonderful thing'

Assisted Living Facility in Belleville should be completed in December

By Cheryl A. Moody
Staff writer

Residents of the Apartment Community at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows are excited about the construction of a 38-bed Assisted Living Facility.

"It's going to be a wonderful thing," said Jane Eilers, 69, a retirement community resident. "It gives us security and comfort to know we have another choice instead of going to the nursing home."

Edward Berkenkotter, a resident of the retirement community for almost four years, agreed with Eilers.

"It's an in-between spot. Some people in geriatrics need constant assistance. People in the high rise community will help themselves. People in assisted living will be assisted," Berkenkotter said.

The new facility, called the St. Francis Center, will be a one-of-a-kind, state-of-the-art facility for Southern Illinois, said Bob McCordle, apartment community administrator.

McCordle added that the center will be a halfway point between a nursing home and retirement facility.

McCordle said people are often caught in the middle move into a nursing home too soon. He also said that sometimes retirement community residents stay too long because they don't need nursing home care.

Assisted living will provide 24-hour supervision and assistance with things such as laundering, dressing, and bathing.

"We will be helping them to manage themselves instead of doing it for them," McCordle said. "We will help them choose clothing, but if they can't dress themselves, they can't stay here."

McCordle said there will be no nurses in uniforms at the St. Francis Center. However, there will be 24-hour emergency response, three meals a day, and housekeeping services.

"It gives us security and comfort to know we have another choice instead of going to the nursing home."

Jane Eilers
Retirement community resident

Each individual room will be around 430-square feet, with one bedroom, and one-room accommodations which include a private bath, kitchenette and room for personal belongings.

Residents of St. Francis will share a large dining room, private dining room, activity room and even a lodge-like room with a vaulted ceiling and fireplace.

When complete, the \$3.5 million, single-level facility will occupy almost 25,000-square feet and be connected to the rest of the Shrine's apartment community by a 50-foot connecting corridor.

The residents also will be able to use the apartment community's chapel, library, beauty shop and other services.

The St. Francis Center became possible when a resident of the apartment community willed a large monetary gift specifically for the construction of an assisted living center.

"The resident had used the nursing home and felt it was a shame that people had to use a nursing home if they really didn't need one," McCordle said.

Architectural drawings were blessed this week during a ground-breaking ceremony for the new center. McCordle said actual construction should begin right away with anticipated completion in December.

Anyone seeking additional information should call 397-6700 and ask for the Marketing Department.

Jolly Quilters planning show

The Jolly Quilters held its quarterly board meeting March 12 at the Chouteau Township Social Center, 906 Thorngate Drive, Mitchell.

The group voted to have a quilt show in September, if there is enough interest from area quilters. The club hopes to make this a semi-annual event.

Each participant will be allowed to show two quilts. Quilts will be numbered and everyone will be given a ballot with spaces to vote for their three favorite quilts. Winners will be recognized.

There will be an area reserved for the display and sale of quilts and cloth crafts. There will be a modest charge for the table space for the sale items.

Interested people should start registering as soon as possible. For more information or to register, call Maxine Duniphan at 931-2714 or Lucy Colbert at 931-1268.

The Jolly Quilters meet from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Thursday. Membership is open to anyone of any age interested in quilting.



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Pearl Turner of the Jolly Quilters puts finishing touches on a quilt.

Farm Credit Services staff offers financial solutions

Farm Credit Services of Southeastern Illinois is aggressively allocating personnel and resources toward providing farmers in Southern Illinois with premier financial services products. Farm Credit Services offices and their dedicated staff of financial services professionals are available to provide the services and products farmers need for the next millennium.

In the Belleville Farm Credit office, Brent Statton, JoAnn Vosse and Kris Wild will provide area farmers and ranchers with the financial solutions needed for a growing industry.

Statton, vice president of financial services, offers more than 17 years of agricultural lending experience to area producers. Raised on a combination grain/livestock farm in Macoupin County, he will continue to be responsible for serving customer needs in St. Clair, Monroe and Randolph counties.

Vosse, financial services officer, is a Farm

Credit Services veteran and has worked extensively with farmers and ranchers in Southern Illinois for more than 23 years. A native of St. Clair County, she brings an impressive background of agricultural lending and customer service to her position focusing on servicing customer needs and customer satisfaction in Madison, Bond and St. Clair counties.

Wild, a financial services specialist, is responsible for daily office and financial services procedures. A native of rural Monroe County, she brings more than 14 years of Farm Credit knowledge and experience in accounting, credit and customer service to the Belleville team.

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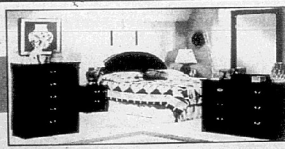
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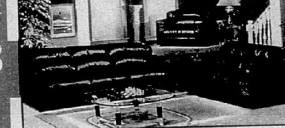
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SIUE to host writing camp

The Fifteenth Annual Summer Writing Day Camp at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville has been set for two sessions Monday-Friday, June 15-26 and July 6-17.

Enrollment per session is limited to 50 students, ages eight through 18, said Eugene Violette, of the SIUE Department of English Language and Literature. He has been director of the writing camp since its inception.

The camps are open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with several hours of classroom development activity, plus recreation periods for softball, swimming, canoeing, volleyball, bowling, billiards, board games, and nature exploration and other. In addition, students in junior high, to a limited extent, and those in high school, more extensively, will be provided opportunities to explore other aspects of campus life.

The fee for either of the day camp sessions is \$160, which includes a non-refundable \$15 fee upon registration. The \$145 balance is due no later than June 12. For more information, call the SIUE Department of English Language and Literature, (618) 692-2060, or from St. Louis toll-free, 621-5168, Ext. 2060.

Workshop teaches kids TV production

There's something new under the sun for kids this summer - the Television Production Workshop at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Presented by the Department of Mass Communications, the workshop is part of SIUE's Summer Arts '98 program.

The workshop will be June 15-July 3, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon in the Communications Building on campus. There is a \$75 registration fee for the three-week course.

"Hands on" activities will include creating radio and television commercials, a music video, news scripts and storyboards.

Registration is limited to 25 youngsters. There is no refund for cancellation after May 15. For further information, call 618-692-2237.

Lions leader visits

The Illinois Lions District Governor Lydia Ellis will make her official visit to the Scott Community Lions Club today.

For more information, call PDG Robert Parker at 277-3122 or by e-mail at rparker187@aol.com.

NEWS

Annex

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annexation or the shredding operation itself.

They cited numerous problems with the shredder, a failed attempt to place a landfill at the site in 1995, and apparent new plans for an expanded municipal landfill.

Resident Anthony Torbin said the shredding operation was the "biggest problem" for neighbors.

"We're not against the annexation, we're against the shredder, period," he said.

He was echoed by most of the residents who spoke.

Also speaking in opposition were officials from East St. Louis, East St. Louis Township, Brooklyn and Madison.

Madison Mayor John Hamm pointed out that his city had annexed land in the area and those annexations might create logistical problems for the East St. Louis annexations.

Two representatives of the company spoke, saying the company was not seeking an expanded landfill at this time.

Residents and community activists remained unconvinced, pointing out that the language of the pre-annexation agreement indicates that an expanded landfill is the only real reason for the annexation.

At the end of Wednesday's hearing, Mayor Gordon Bush and other city officials said they understood residents' concerns.

"I'm saying now from what I've heard tonight annexation of the shredder landfill is clearly not something citizens want and is dead on arrival," Bush said.

But after a 45-minute closed session, the council decided to hold a second hearing on the annexation.

While there has been speculation on the fate of National City for several years, it has heated up in the past several months because of a court case brought by St. Clair County State's Attorney Robert Haida.

In February, the National City Village Board met to dissolve the village and seek voluntary annexation into East St. Louis.

In an ordinance filed Feb. 6, the National City Village Board cited its problems.

Council

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region, works toward creating public and private sector partnerships which will steer southwestern Illinois into the next century.

When asked what task is most important for the Leadership Council, Durbin said: "To get the message out to St. Louis about what Illinois has to offer. It's important that the Council works with the RCGA."

The RCGA, or Regional Commerce and Growth Association, is largely St. Louis city and County and St. Charles County-oriented economic growth corporation. Its goals are similar to those of the Leadership Council.

Hoffman emphasized the need for the Leadership Council to work together with all strata of government to ensure the maintenance of infrastructure. "We're at a crossroads of growth," Hoffman said. "We need another bridge across the Mississippi. It's a \$230 million job. We need to work with everyone to make it happen."

While bridges and other infrastructure issues dominated many conversations, the Leadership Council's executive director, James Pennekamp, touched on a host of other subjects of concern to the area. The possible decision by the Federal Base Realignment and Closing Commission to close or in any way alter the existing military presence at Scott Air Force Base could have far reaching consequences for the entire region.

"We know the next round of BRAC closings are coming. We need to be sure we play a part in establishing the criteria used in deciding which facilities stay open," Pennekamp said.

Christopher Pook, president and chief executive officer of Gateway International Raceway in Madison, was recognized for his entrepreneurial prowess and success. Last year, in the raceway's inaugural season, 400,000 visitors attended events at the new \$25 million facility. Estimates of the economic value that Gateway has on the area exceed \$100 million annually.

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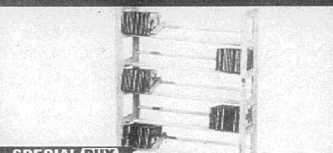
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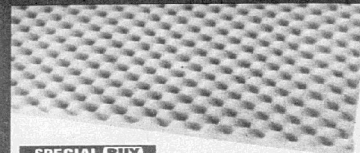
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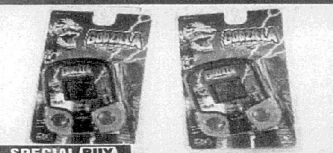
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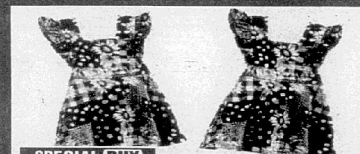
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Job

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law's retroactive liability provision unfairly penalized companies that didn't know the land they were buying was polluted, or who legally sent waste to a site.

In October 1995, the U.S. EPA implemented a variety of reforms that included:

- Paying for costs associated with insolvent responsible parties. The law required viable parties to pay the entire cost, regardless of whether they caused all of the contamination.

- Establishing site-specific accounts to ensure that sites receive funds allocated for cleanup.

- Establishing "regional ombudsmen" to have a direct point of contact for the public.

The Rev. Buck Jones, director of the advocacy group Project Helping Other People Emerge, said he has seen improvements in recent years.

"The EPA has made some strides to increase the communication with the people who live in these neighborhoods," he said.

But he added: "We have a long way to go."

Much of the concern over Superfund sites involves groundwater contamination, because most hazardous waste is placed underground and eventually seeps into the water table.

Half the U.S. population, and 95 percent of the rural population, gets its water directly from groundwater, according to the National Academy of Sciences.

Jones said that has led the EPA to focus its resources on rural areas. "They seem to be biased towards urban areas," Jones said.

Sites

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ardous waste disposal landfills, a former waste impoundment, two abandoned gravel pits and a 3 1/2-mile stretch of Dead Creek.

The site contains high levels of chlorinated aromatic compounds and polychlorinated biphenyls, which can cause liver damage and cancer after long-term exposure.

In 1995, the U.S. EPA consolidated soils at one landfill and installed cover and fencing to stabilize the site. Investigation and cleanup is continuing.

Area No. 2 is next to the Mississippi River and includes a covered lagoon with industrial sludge, two closed landfills with chemical waste and a suspected drum disposal area.

Monsanto capped one of the landfills in 1976, and the U.S. EPA removed drums and soil from the other landfill in 1995. The drums had high levels of heavy metals and PCBs.

Fishing in ponds along Cargill Road is not recommended because PCBs accumulate in the fatty tissue of fish and other animals.

Twenty-one sites are listed under the Emergency Response Removal category which involves a quick response to immediate threats. Typical sites involve spills, explosions and fires. The sites include:

- Allied Corp. East St. Louis Works, 3500 Kingshighway in Fairmont City: An industrial site with aluminum and gypsum residue. Groundwater and soil will be cleaned up and air will be monitored for contamination.

- Shippers Car Line/ACF Industries, 100 Trendley Ave. in East St. Louis: A former railroad repair facility with paint solvents, sludges and bulk waste. The site is apparently clean, and IEPA is reviewing the cleanup documents.

- National Stockyards Co. in East St. Louis: A voluntary cleanup was completed in 1989 and the IEPA believes no further cleanup is necessary.

- Gateway Petroleum, 3000 Missouri Ave. in East St. Louis: A used oil treatment and storage facility that is now being cleaned and closed.

- Leffon Iron and Metal, 205 S. 17th St. in East St. Louis: An active scrap yard littered with scrap piles that also has stained soil and stressed vegetation. Studies are ongoing.

- Mobil Oil Saugat Terminal, 200 S. 20th St. in Saugat: A former petroleum refinery and now a transfer terminal for oil and gas. The site is now being cleaned of contamination from tank sludges and wash solvents.

- Arkansas Post and Pole, 301 St. Clair Ave. in East St. Louis: A former paint factory that left high levels of lead in the soil. The site is fenced and IEPA and Arkansas Post and Pole are testing the soil to determine cleanup methods.

- Morris Paints, 1445 Brady Ave. in East St. Louis: A former paint factory that the current owner bought with drums of hazardous waste already present.

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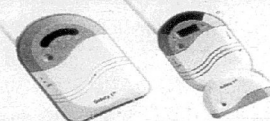
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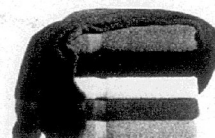
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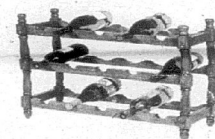
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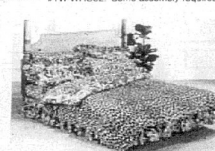
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Volunteerism

Mary Randolph Ballinger

Mary Randolph Ballinger, who has donated thousands of hours to organizations such as the Salvation Army, Missouri Botanical Garden, and the Missouri Botanical Garden, has been selected a 1998 Woman of Achievement.

Ballinger, 50, of Ladue, is a real estate agent for Edward L. Bakewell, Inc. "I think we're lucky in St. Louis there are so many wonderful cultural and service organizations," Ballinger said.

"It's very rewarding to have the experience of being involved with so many of them," she said. "I get back much more than I give."

A partial list of her leadership roles includes:

- She has been on the Salvation Army Advisory Board since 1988.
- She is co-chairing a \$24 million fund-raising campaign for the organization.
- Ballinger was a trustee of the Missouri History Museum from 1983 to 1989 and was elected to the museum's Friends Board in 1996.
- She served on the Missouri Botanical Garden's Executive Members Board from 1994 to 1997.
- She was elected in 1997 as a member of the Sheldon Arts Foundation board of directors.
- Ballinger will chair the opening ceremony of the new Mercantile Library at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Other organizations Ballinger has assisted include Opera Theatre of St. Louis, the Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, St. Louis Art Museum, Forest Park "Forever," and Dance St. Louis.



Women of Achievement

Journals, KMOX honor 10 outstanding community volunteers

The Suburban Journals and KMOX-AM (1120) proudly announce the 10 exceptional women who are the 1998 Women of Achievement.

This year's honorees come from all walks of life but all have one thing in common—they have contributed to the strength and health of the St. Louis metropolitan community.

These outstanding women join 421 other Women of Achievement who have been honored since the program began in 1955.

The awards will be presented to the 1998 winners during a noon luncheon May 6 at The Ritz-Carlton. Reservations for luncheon tickets, \$25 per person, may be ordered by sending a check to Women of Achievement, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, MO, 63131. The deadline for reservations is April 24, 1998.

Seating will be at tables of 10. For those wishing to sit together, reservations and payment for the group should be made at the same time. Those attending the luncheon on behalf of a particular honoree also should include the name of the honoree.

The Women of Achievement honored at last year's luncheon are: Mary Carol Archie, community health care; Ruth Bryant, civic preservation; Judy Smith Champ, cultural enrichment; Jane Freund Harris, creative philanthropy; Sandra Hudson, education; Linda Schroeder, community betterment; Glenn Sheffield, community service; Terri Shores, humanitarian concerns; Lucille Stehman, historic preservation; Nancy Verderber, social responsibility.

Volunteer Leadership

Joan Lipic

Joan Lipic of South County has worked tirelessly for almost 40 years on behalf of a number of not-for-profit organizations. She has devoted her time and unique talents to her church and its agencies, and to the people they serve. Since the late 1950s, she has spent countless hours raising funds for the Rural Parish Workers of Christ the King, a group that serves a largely indigent population in rural Washington County. She was a founding member of the "Friends of the Rural Parish Workers" in 1977, which has raised \$400,000 for the organization's benefit. In addition, she has recruited dozens of volunteers and has chaired the annual fundraiser three times.

An active alumna of St. Louis University, Lipic was president of the Women's Council from 1984-86. During her tenure she created the Tribute Fund to benefit the university and in 1994 was honored by the business school as a recipient of the Joseph E. Boland, S.J. Alumni Award.

As a member of the board of governors of Cardinal Glennon Memorial Hospital for Children, she has helped raise almost \$500,000 for the hospital. She is also on the foundation board of St. Mary's Health Center, a nominator for an annual effort to raise almost \$2.5 million, monies which she has helped raise approximately \$3.6 million, monies which she has helped raise approximately \$3.6 million, monies which she has helped raise approximately \$3.6 million.

She has been active in the Archdiocese's development of Catholic Charities and is a member of the PLADA Council of 20 leaders from the 10 Missouri counties in the archdiocese. She and her husband, Joe, are parents of five children.



Business & Community

Lisa Baue

Lisa Baue, owner/president of Baue Funeral Homes/St. Charles Memorial Gardens, has been recognized with several awards in St. Charles County. She is the founding president of the St. Charles Crime Prevention Board, member of St. Charles Community Progress, current member of the committee of the St. Charles Jaycees and the St. Charles Business and Professional Women's Club.

She is president-elect of the St. Charles Rotary Club. She co-chaired campaigns for a St. Charles parks bond issue and the passage of St. Charles County's home-rule charter. She is a past recipient of the St. Peters Chamber of Commerce Athena Award for excellence and promoting women in the workplace.

Baue has been instrumental in developing Baue's anti-drug/anti-drinking advertising campaign, which received commendations from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration Midwest Division. Her company was awarded the St. Peters Chamber of Commerce Pacesetter Award and was given the Healthy Community Award for outstanding contribution to healthy in the community.

She recently received the Heroes for Mental Health award presented by the St. Charles County Mental Health Council and Grifone for her contribution to the mental health of the community and for her part in forming the St. Charles County Crime Response Team. Her company was instrumental in forming the St. Charles County Mental Health Planning Group for Disasters.



Civic Responsibility

Sister Mary Jean Ryan

Sister Mary Jean Ryan has dedicated her life to helping others as a nun and a medical administrator. She was chosen as a 1998 Woman of Achievement for her dedication to the community.

Since 1986, Ryan has been the president/chief executive officer of Health Care, a major health care system with 19,500 employees in six states. In addition to her duties with HCA, she has become a community leader in civic, education and social service activities. Ryan has been appointed and elected to many boards, which include: The St. Louis University Academic Affairs Committee, Cardinal Glennon Memorial Hospital's Hawthorne Foundation, St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association, the Missouri Women's Forum, the National Conference-St. Louis Region, and a Washington, University advisory board. The United Way, for which she has served as chairman of the health care division for the Women's Leadership Giving Initiative, has asked Ryan to sit on its board. She is a member of the Board of Overseers for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award and the American Humane and Fitness Association. Ryan has received numerous distinctions for her contributions to health care. Such awards include the Brotherhood/Sisterhood Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the Corporation that Makes a Difference Award from the International Women's Forum. She also received the 1997 Governor's Quality Leadership Award in November for her work as an advocate for continuing quality improvement in health care.



Community Betterment

Charmaine S. Chapman

Charmaine S. Chapman, president and chief executive officer of United Way of Greater St. Louis, has worked with United Way for 25 years. She began in Pittsburgh at the United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania, and has worked at United Way of America and with United Way organizations in Minnesota and Ohio. She serves on the boards of community groups including the Regional Commerce and Growth Association, the Webster University and the St. Louis Sports Commission. She is vice-chair of the boards of the Regional Violence Prevention Initiative and St. Louis Downtown Inc. Chapman is co-chair of the executive committee for St. Louis 2004. She is trustee of the St. Louis Art Museum and is also a member of the Community Advisory Board of the Junior League of St. Louis, the Gateway Chapter of Links Inc., the Civic Progress Dialogue Group, the Advisory Board to the National Council of Jewish Women, the Black Leadership Initiative, the Missouri Women's Forum and the St. Louis Women's Forum. In addition to being a 1998 Woman of Achievement, this year Chapman was named a Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award from the Matthews-Dickey Boys and Girls Club. In 1997, she received the Faith in Action Award from Lutheran Family and Children's Services, and the Legacy Award from Big Brothers-Big Sisters. Chapman in the past has received the Community Service Award from Top Ladies of Distinction and the Sherr Elegance Award from the Matthews-Dickey Boys and Girls Club.



Social Responsibility

Karen Duffy

Karen Duffy has made significant contributions to the City of St. Louis, the founding metropolitan area and to individuals and groups in need of her help. As co-owner of Duffy's Restaurant of the Central West End for the past 26 years, Duffy has volunteered time or given food to almost every needy organization. On the one day of the week that the restaurant is closed, she and her staff offer hard work offering food and restaurant for various fundraisers, such as The Women's Safehouse, Circus Flam, NARAL, River Styx and the Central West End Association.

She has received the Mayor's Award for the Arts. She regularly gives employment opportunities to those less fortunate by employing the disabled. She also has employed refugees from the International Institute.

Duffy fosters the importance of education by encouraging her employees to finish high school. Many have gone on to college, and some have opened their own businesses. Last December, the Greater Writers Center, BJC Heart Transplant Patient Care, West End Arts Council, Archway Community Food Rehab Center, St. Louis Effort for AIDS, American Heart Association, DeSales Community Housing Corp., Doorways, St. Louis Food Outreach and Legal Services of Eastern Missouri.



International Awareness

Dr. Grace Shen Lo

Grace Shen Lo, director of applied technology for Protein Technologies International, has offered her time and energy to sharing the Chinese culture with the St. Louis community in many ways.

Lo served as chairman of the Chinese Festival at the Missouri Botanical Garden for two years. The festival is co-sponsored by the St. Louis Chinese Community Center and the garden.

Under her leadership, the festival has grown to an attendance of more than 2,000 visitors. This event offers St. Louisans an opportunity to learn and enjoy the many facets of Chinese culture including language, costumes, games, arts and crafts, and food.

Lo sent as chairman of the Chinese Language School and was its principal from 1979 to 1983. Over the years, she has contributed a great deal of time, money and energy for the betterment of the school, and to the education of the next generation and the St. Louis community. She and her husband have donated more than \$5,000 over the years.

She is a former president of the Organization of Chinese Americans, clearly demonstrating her leadership and strong commitment to culture and humanitarian activities. She has organized and conducted education and culture seminars.

A nomination from the Chinese Society wrote, "She and her family have been living in St. Louis for 20 years. Dr. Grace Lo has been a great role model for the Chinese community in St. Louis. As an immigrant, she brought St. Louis right after she moved here. She loves St. Louis. She wants to make St. Louis a better place for all families of various cultural backgrounds. She has taught all of us how to cherish the community we live in and how to participate in the community we love."



Community Service

Denise Wright

Denise Wright, the president of Protestant Welfare, is one of the 1998 Women of Achievement. Wright, 69, is a lifelong resident of Granite City. She has been married to Milburn Wright for 26 years, and they have two children. She is a member of First Baptist Church in Granite City. Wright said she has always had a soft spot for Protestant Welfare. The social service agency will celebrate its 45th birthday this year. Protestant Welfare is a food pantry and clothes center, loaner of medical equipment, and a referral and information center. All services are offered free of charge. Wright has been the president for going on 10 years, and is something of a visionary. The agency's original building on Edison Avenue proved to be too small for Protestant Welfare's growing needs. Their old space was so tight, the food pantry portion was running into the clothes center. Wright, in 1992, had the agency moved to its present location, a much larger building at 1818 Cleveland. Last fall numerous volunteers from CPT Corp. in St. Louis, working in conjunction with the United Way Days of Caring program, helped renovate the new building, which now sports fresh paint inside and out. "We fixed it up recently to serve more people," she said. The renovations were necessary to accommodate the agency's growing services. For example, the center now can even accept and give away furniture.



Cultural Enrichment

Barbara Eagleton

Barbara Eagleton has made a name for herself with her dedication to public service.

Eagleton is the wife of former U.S. Sen. Thomas Eagleton.

Barbara Eagleton is the founder and director of the Women's Democratic Forum of Greater St. Louis, a non-profit educational discussion group with a membership of more than 300.

Through her work with the Women's Democratic Forum, Eagleton attracts international and local scholars to speak on such major issues as racial diversity, health, gun control, politics and education.

The forum is open to everyone: Democrats, Republicans, male and female. Other cities have modeled it to develop similar programs.

Eagleton founded two ongoing programs for teenagers and preteens, the Washington D.C. Experience and Jefferson City Days. She raises money for scholarships to allow girls to visit the two cities, meet members of Congress and the legislature, sit in on sessions and tour official buildings. Eagleton arranges the programs and chapters of the group.

A commissioner with the Regional Arts Commission, Eagleton is devoted to education and the arts. She is founder of Friends of St. Louis New Cathedral, and works with the Washington University School of Fine Arts, Friends of the Art Museum, Dance St. Louis and the St. Louis Film Festival.



Lifetime Achievement

Margaret Dagen

For many years Margaret Dagen put her career at risk by taking a stand against discrimination and segregation by race, religion or national origin.

In 1947, Dagen's husband Ivor founded the local chapter of CORE (Committee on Racial Equality). The couple participated in the earliest peaceful demonstrations at lunch counters and places of businesses that practiced segregation. CORE members can be given much credit for passage of the Public Accommodations Bill, which opened the doors of restaurants and other facilities to African Americans.

In the early 1950s, Dagen began a 17-year tenure as a teacher and counselor at Clayton High School where she established a Human Relations Club. Dagen was instrumental in bringing together African American youth from different races and many religions culminating in the Brotherhood Conference.

Dagen then turned her attention to higher education. As associate director of admissions at Washington University, she initiated an effort to increase minority admissions. As a volunteer, she served as an educational consultant to the Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis. In that role, she was instrumental in broadening the vision of the organization.

A longtime resident of Clayton, Dagen and her husband have been involved in community affairs including the Futures Committee and other groups. She often asks the questions that need to be asked, but that others are afraid to ask.



TAX SECTION

Avoid these filing mistakes

It's never too early to make your tax plans for next year

By now, you probably have affixed a stamp to that envelope with your address label and sent in your 1997 tax return. And, with a sigh of relief, you are ready to put your tax file away until this time next year.

But, it's not too early to start planning for next year. Here are a few tips that should make filing a little easier next year.

• Start now to keep tax records for this year. You can accomplish this by using individually marked envelopes in which you can drop your receipts and records as the year progresses.

However, if you claim expenses for travel and entertainment you will need more detailed records. Obtain Publication 463, "Travel, Entertainment and Gift Expenses," for more information.

• Records you should keep include monthly statements from banks, savings and loans, brokerages, etc., that can provide interest and dividends earned (or paid), mortgage payments and other tax items.

• It's a good idea to check your withholding or estimated tax payments. If you had a large tax bill for 1997, make adjustments. If you're retiring in 1998, you may have to start making estimated payments to avoid a penalty next year. You can obtain Publication 505, "Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax," for more information.

• If you marry or divorce during 1998 and change your name, correct your records with the Social Security Administration.

• Everyone on your tax return must have an identification number, including children. You should make sure to apply for a Social Security number if a birth occurs during the year. Generally, hospitals will assist with this process.

• If your return was prepared by a professional tax preparer, it's a good idea to put a copy signed by the preparer in your file as a good starting point for preparing your return for next year.

• If you think you will qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit this year, you can get part of it now, rather than waiting until next year. Give your employer Form W-5, "Earned Income Credit Advance Payment Certificate," and the money will be in your paycheck as soon as it's approved.

• Students can claim exemption from withholding when they complete their Form W-4, "Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate," only if all of the following are met:

• You didn't owe any tax last year.

• You don't expect to owe any tax this year.

• Students are not automatically exempt from withholding. Consult Publication 4, "Student's Guide to Federal Income Tax," which contains helpful information for working high school or college students.

• If you're thinking about starting your own business, you might wish to consider attending an IRS-sponsored Small Business Workshop, where you can learn about tax responsibilities. Call 1(800)828-1040 for more information.

• If you move, make sure your employer and financial institutions have your new address, so you will receive your W-2s and 1099s.

• Keep a copy of your 1997 return. You may need it to refinance your mortgage or apply for educational assistance.

Attention, all last-minute filers! There's only about two weeks left in the tax filing season, and nearly half of you still haven't filed your 1997 Federal tax returns. Since most mistakes are made when you're in a hurry, I have some tips for you to follow:

First, it's extremely important to make sure you enter the correct Social Security Numbers on your tax return. Make sure you enter the correct SSN for each dependent you claim. Also, be certain that the name you enter matches the name on your dependent's Social Security card. Don't use nicknames. If a name has changed due to marriage or divorce, be sure to report the change to the Social Security Administration before using the new name on your tax return.

Second, allow enough time to complete your return, so you can set it aside and pick it up a day or two (or even an hour or two) later and reread it. You could be surprised at the number of mistakes you find when you look at it again.

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the tax tables, claiming the wrong filing status, miscalculating the earned income tax credit, entering items on the wrong line and forgetting to attach the W-2 "Wage and Tax Statement" or other necessary schedules to the return. And every year there are lots of people who forget to sign their return. Remember, if it's a joint return, the Internal Revenue Service needs the signature of both spouses.

If you know you won't have all the information needed to complete and file your return by the April 15 deadline, plan

to request an extension. Complete and mail Form 4868, "Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return," by April 15, and get an automatic four-month extension of time to file. You then have until Aug. 15 to send in your completed return. However, you still must estimate your tax liability on Form 4868. It's also best to pay any additional tax you owe with your extension request.

If you complete your return or an extension and find you owe money but can't pay, file

anyway. The penalty for failure to file a timely tax return is 10 times greater than the penalty for failing to pay on time.

Pay as much as you can when you file your return, and the IRS will bill you for the rest. Then you can pay the remaining amount when you receive the bill. If you're still unable to pay the amount owed, be sure to contact the IRS when you get the bill to make payment arrangements.

If the amount you owe is more than you can borrow from family, friends or the bank (at lower interest rates than the IRS charges), you can request a monthly installment agreement by completing and attaching Form 9465, "Installment Agreement Request," to your return. You'll be notified if your request is accepted. There's an additional charge for setting up an installment agreement, and penalties and interest will continue to accumulate until the tax bill is paid in full.

Finally, don't ignore the IRS! Your problem doesn't go away, and your tax bill will get larger.

Electronic filing options available

This year, why not pick an alternative way to file your tax return?

There are several electronic filing options available to individual taxpayers. IRS e-file is a proven product; more than 19 million taxpayers chose an e-file option last year.

There are many advantages to IRS e-file:

• You receive an acknowledgment from the IRS when your return is received and accepted.

• To eliminate human errors that normally occur when information from a paper tax return is input into the computer.

• Missing information is immediately identified and requested.

• Your refund can be directly deposited into your bank account.

• Because there are fewer errors with e-file, you'll have fewer contacts with the IRS.

You can e-file your federal tax return through an approved electronic filer. Look for the "Authorized IRS e-file Provider" sign. The completed return is transmitted (usually for a charge) over telephone lines directly to the IRS computers.

You can have a professional prepare and e-file your return, or

you can prepare your own return and have a professional e-file it.

Illinois residents can e-file their state and federal income tax returns in one transmission to the IRS. The Illinois Department of Revenue will retrieve the information it needs and process your state return electronically.

Some online computer service providers offer electronic filing from your personal computer for a small fee. If you subscribe to one of these services, check to see if they offer this benefit. You can get all of the advantages of e-file from the comfort of your home.

You'll need a personal computer, a modem and IRS-accepted tax software. Look for the e-file (or online) feature when you buy your tax preparation software.

You transmit your return to the online service. It converts the information to a format acceptable to the IRS computer and transmits the return to us. We'll notify you, through the online service, about whether or not your return has been accepted. If it's not accepted, you'll be told which items must be corrected.

You can file online 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you receive the special TeleFile tax package this year, you can file your tax return with a 10-minute phone call. Don't lose your TeleFile package. It contains the special customer service number you'll need when you file, and you can't get a replacement package from the IRS.

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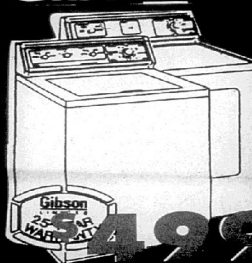
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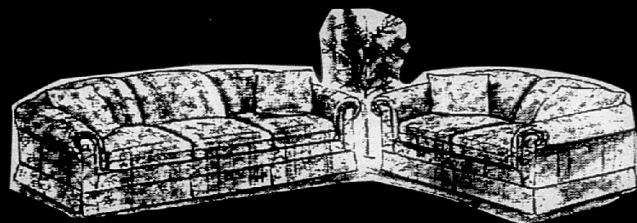
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Hendrickson joins Buds pitching staff

As much as I dislike the expression "the bottom line," that's what caught my eye the other night at a Mon-Clair men's Baseball League meeting where the submitted roster of the defending champion Waterloo Buds closed with the name of Darin Hendrickson.

The only pitcher in league history to win four consecutive earned run titles in the same division, righthander Hendrickson apparently will move from Granite City to Waterloo where among other things, the Buds have won an incredible 16 successive Monroe Division championships.

"Let's just say it was a personal decision," is how Granite City manager Darren DePew referred to his 28-year-old batterymate's decision to leave the team he helped gain three St. Clair Division and playoff crowns in addition to four straight Valmeyer Classic titles.

"I didn't want to pass up an opportunity to play for a team where everyone from the manager (Vern Moore) on down has the same commitment to baseball that I have," said Hendrickson, who had a 6-3 record and 1.61 ERA last season after posting ERA's of 2.42 in 1994, 1.12 in '95 and 1.31 in '96.

Of interest is that Chris George of Waterloo led the league and Monroe Division pitchers with a 7-0 record and 1.54 ERA followed by Jim Schlecht of the Buds at 5-0 and 2.12.

Coincidentally, while Hendrickson serves as the baseball coach at Fontbonne College in St. Louis, DePew is coming on righthander Billy Niepert, a sophomore at Fontbonne, to join lefthander Mark Winfield, a senior at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and veteran Brian Harshany to form a solid Granite City staff.

Faced also with the loss of veteran infielder-outfielders, Jamie and Tim Hogan, who apparently will not play baseball this season, DePew has added former pros Rodney Lofton and catcher Cliff Williams from the Fairview Heights team which disbanded.

Scheduled to open its season with May 17 doubleheaders, the Mon-Clair League includes Waterloo, Saugat, Millstadt and Valmeyer in the Monroe Division; and Granite City, defending champion East Alton, and Brighton in the St. Clair Division. Former Belleville Hawks senior American Legion Manager George Vineyard will be the Millstadt manager.

Extra Innings

After posting a 21-5 league record last season, East Alton Manager Jim Blackledge might appear to be a likely loser if the new collegiate league team in Alton sought experienced players.

"I don't think that will happen because their players are a little younger than most of the Mon-Clair players," said Blackledge, who expects to lose SIU-Edwardsville infielder Mark Bigger to the Alton team—the Bluff City Bombers.

The Bombers are scheduled to open their season June 5 at Gordon Moore Park, where seating is expected to be expanded to 2,500.

"There's no better park for baseball in the area," said Blackledge, who expressed concern to retaining "full use of Gordon Moore" for his Mon-Clair games.

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Fairmount opens for thoroughbred season

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

HORSE RACING

Fewer live thoroughbred racing dates means larger purses at Fairmount Park this season, with the end result meaning larger crowds. It sounds like one of those word problems in an algebra class. However, by reducing the number of racing dates from 125 to the new 100-day format, track officials are hoping more fans will attend the races because the minimum purse per race jumps from \$2,800 to \$3,600.

"This is the most optimistic I've been since I've been here," said thoroughbred racing secretary Bobby Pace. "The number of horses and the quality of horses is better than it's ever been." Fairmount Park was scheduled to open its doors for the 1998 racing season last Friday, but heavy rains washed out the races. Instead, the first day of racing began on Saturday.

Live racing is scheduled for 1 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday and 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday through the end of the season Sept. 13. The track will be dark on Monday, Wednesday and Sunday, however, simulcast racing from around the United States will be offered seven days a week.

"By adjusting our thoroughbred racing schedule, Fairmount Park will improve its race cards by increasing its purses by 25 percent and offering fuller fields for wagering," said Fairmount Park vice president and general manager Brian Zander.

The change in the racing format was a welcome change that was approved by both the Illinois Racing Board and local horsemen.

Pace said all three parties agreed on the new 100-day meet because of the difficulties to fill the 10-race cards last year. Sometimes a field would have as

few as five horses in a race.

"Last year was the most difficult year I've had as the racing secretary," Pace said. "With the purse structure the way it was, we had a lack of interest and horses. This year, the picture is a lot brighter. I have more horses on application and the quality of horses, that we're going to have, I think, is going to be the best it's ever been."

"I think a lot of traders were aware of what we were trying to put together and a lot of owners went out and other jurisdictions because it became more affordable here. Last year with a \$2,800 minimum purse, it wasn't worth while for owners to be participants. We're getting a lot of owners that were in the game several years ago that are getting back in the game because of the purse increase."

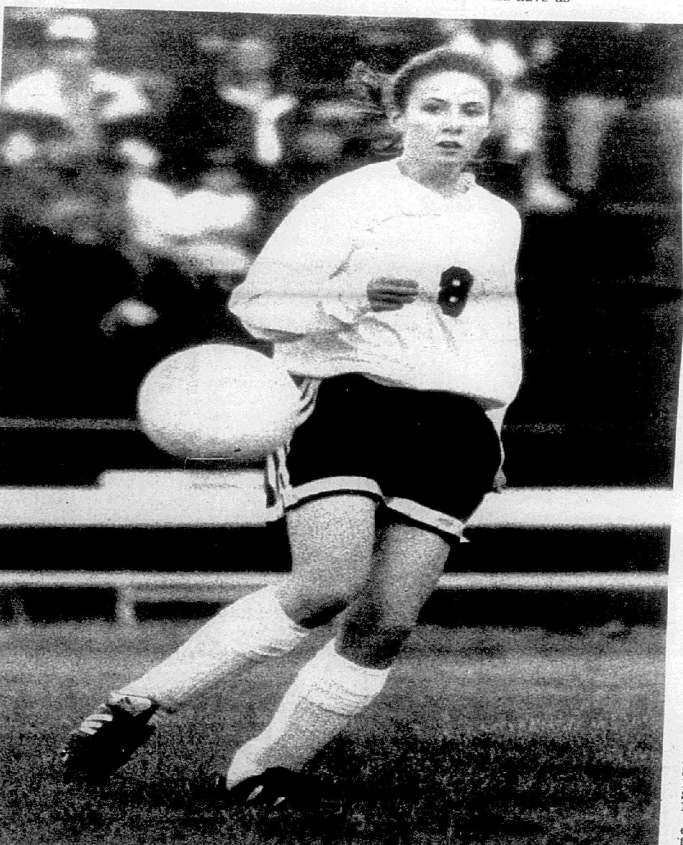
Track officials are also optimistic about joining the newly formed National Thoroughbred Racing Association.

The NTRA is an association of the sport's top 36 racing tracks, owners and horsemen that will create a national marketing effort to support thoroughbred racing throughout North America.

Fairmount Park will benefit from joining this association through national and local television, radio and print advertising as well as by having a unified leadership in the sport. Among the tracks and organization leading the movement are Churchill Downs, Hollywood Park, the New York Racing Association and Breeders Cup Ltd.

"Fairmount Park is pleased to be an original member track of the NTRA," Zander said. "This organization will help unify the sport of thoroughbred racing and will attract more fans through its national marketing efforts."

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Junior Melissa Montgomery will anchor the Lady Warrior's strong defensive unit.

Granite City reloading for return trip to state tourney

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Be forewarned. Don't sell the Granite City girls soccer team short this spring.

The Lady Warriors graduated eight quality seniors from last year's state tournament team, including Jaime Dellbringe, Roxie Simpson and Journal Newspapers Player of the Year Michelle Montgomery.

But make no mistake about it: Gene Baker's team enters the new season loaded with talent and long on experience.

"This is not a rebuilding year," said Baker. "Any rebuilding that must be done will be done quickly. There are enough girls on this year's team who saw quality time last year that we

are far from inexperienced coming into this season."

The Granite City roster includes only four seniors, one of whom is Ruth Mortenson, a transfer student from Wisconsin.

"(Mortenson) is totally new to our program, so there are many things she needs to learn and learn quickly," said Baker. "But she is a quality young lady, who possesses good soccer skills and good character. She'll be an important part of this year's team."

The three other seniors for the Lady Warriors bring back a ton of experience against quality competition.

GIRLS SOCCER

Granite City squads struggle at relays

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Both Granite City High School track teams struggled Saturday at the Southwestern Illinois Relays, hosted by Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

The Granite girls finished eighth among 10 teams, while the boys placed 10th out of 11 teams.

Mount Vernon won the girls competition, compiling 100 points to 90 for second-place Belleville East. Belleville West (77 points) was third, followed by Jerseyville (74), Edwardsville (73), O'Fallon (68), Triad (43), Granite City (23), Collinsville (21) and Alton (20).

The Lady Warriors' 4x100 relay shuttle team finished fifth. Edwardsville won in a time of 1:12.8.

The GCBS 4x800 relay team also place fifth.

Among individuals, Granite City's Nicole Bellman was the only Lady Warriors competitor to place in the top five, finishing fourth in the long jump.

In a tight race among boys teams, Belleville East edged Edwardsville 106-102. O'Fallon finished a close third with 100 points. Alton (86½), Pekin (58), Lindburgh (47), Collinsville (32), Belleville West (28), Peoria Richwoods (28), Granite City (25) and Jerseyville (22) rounded out the field. The Warriors brought home honors in the triple jump (third) and in the 4x800 relay.

PREP TRACK

There were highlights among several Metro-East teams.

O'Fallon captured first place honors in three individual categories in boys competition. Ralph Holmes won the 100-meter dash in a time of 10.8 seconds, Nathan Speer won the 1,600 meters in 4:45.7, and Todd Bierkaas claimed the 300-hurdles title with a time of 39.9. Bierkaas also was third in the 100-meter dash.

Meanwhile, Belleville West won three individual titles in the girls division. Christina Archibald won the long jump (16 feet 2 inches) and the high jump (5-2), while teammate Sarah Turpin established a new meet record in the 300 hurdles with a sparkling time of 49 seconds flat.

The Granite City Warriors were in action Tuesday at O'Fallon, taking on the host school as well as Southwestern Conference rivals Collinsville and Belleville West. The boys will not be in action again until April 11, when they participate in the Belleville West Invitational at SIU-Edwardsville.

The Lady Warriors ran in relay competition at Collinsville on Monday against both Collinsville and Alton. On Friday-Saturday, the Granite City girls will see action in the prestigious Jay Joyner Invitational at East St. Louis' Clyde Jordan Stadium.

(See SOCCER, Page 4B)

Golf tourney set for May 29

The St. Louis Gateway Classic Sports Foundation is proud to present the fourth annual St. Louis Gateway Classic/President Casino on the Grand Marais Golf Course-Frank Holton State Park in Centerville, Illinois.

Tee-off is at 8 a.m. The day will be competitive and fun-filled. The entry fee is \$125 per person or \$500 for a foursome, which includes registration, gift bag, green fees and refreshments. The gift bag will include items such as caps, golf tees, golf balls, etc.

Prizes and awards will be presented at the luncheon awards banquet at the Grand Marais Club House immediately following play. A continental breakfast will be provided at 7 a.m., as well as the Wilson's BBQ lunch served at the awards banquet at approximately 1 p.m. In addition, bratwurst, beer and soda will be served throughout the course of the game.

Over the past four years, the St. Louis Gateway Classic has donated more than 1.1 million dollars back into the St. Louis metropolitan area. The goal this year is to provide 20 full-year scholarships annually for students to go to historically black colleges as well as to provide equipment and funds for youth-related programs.

For more information about the golf tournament call Arthur Tyler Jr., director of operations, at 621-1994.

Bowling tourney

American Legion baseball team Post 58 will hold a three-game Scotch doubles bowling tournament on Friday, April 24 at Bel-Air Bowl in Belleville. Check-in is at 9 p.m. and bowling

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begins at 9:30.
The price is \$20 per couple. There will be a 50/50 raffle and attendance prizes. Food will be available until 11 p.m. For reservations, call 476-1075 or 397-0237.

Football clinic

The 1998 Youth and Fundamental Football Clinic will be May 9 at Edwardsville High School. The cost is \$20 (\$25 at the door) and includes:

Five hours of football from top coaches; eight speakers; exhibits; free clinic notebook; door prizes; free coffee and rolls at registration; and free lunch.

For more information, call 1-800-435-6110.

5K fun-run/walk

A non-competitive 5-kilometer fun-run walk for adults and children of all ages is set for May 17. The event will be hosted by Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Collinsville.

The registration deadline is April 15. Cost is \$8 and includes T-shirts for those who register by deadline.

Ladies golf league

Columbia Bridges Golf Course will host a women's golf league on Wednesday mornings in April through October.

Play will be in three flights. Contact Jean Haeman (281-7095) or Evelyn Hartman (314-892-3193) for more information.

DOBB'S Cardinals Team of the Week



Conference champs — The Millstadt eighth-grade volleyball team finished the Cahokia Conference with an undefeated 13-0 record. Pictured above (from left to right) are: In front — Jessie Mueth, Anna Mehtens, Christine Betz, Natalie Agne; In back — assistant coach Anna Holcomb, manager Jenni Eggleston, Randi Beare, Kelly Torisky, Jamie Beretschaft, Belinda Quirin, Tareasa Howard, Julie O'Donnell, Jennifer Hubble and head coach Janet Switzer. Not pictured: Anna Carson.

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The Granite City Warriors of the Mid-States Club Hockey Association qualified for the league playoffs.

Warriors honored in program

The Granite City Warriors hockey club, of the Mid-States Club Hockey Association, is the latest local hockey team to be recognized in the Suburban Journals partnership with the St. Louis Blues.

The program honors local youth hockey teams each Wednesday in the *Journal*, and also recognizes outstanding teams from throughout the St. Louis area at Kiel Center when the St. Louis Blues are playing at home. Each team will have its picture printed in the *Journal* and receives tickets to an upcoming Blues game.

The Granite City Warriors qualified for the playoffs in the Mid-States Club Hockey Association (which is comprised primarily of Missouri clubs). The Warriors won their first-round pairing against Mary Institute/Country Day School but were eliminated in the second round.

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Fairmount for Kids

Children from around the St. Louis metropolitan area will have the opportunity to learn about horses at Fairmount Park Kids' Fair, beginning at 10 a.m. each day April 18-19. The program is recommended for children ages 4-11.

The program is free. Paige Berry, a former horse trainer and current racing official at the track serves as host of the two-hour program. It offers horse shoeing demonstrations, discussing of riding equipment, an explanation of the horse uniform and pony rides. Participants receive trading cards, coloring books, hot dogs and soda.

Wanted: Stats, standings

The *Journal* is always on the alert for organized recreational sport results. If your league is interested in having weekly standings and results published, please send information to: Journal Sports, 1815 Delmar, Granite City, Ill. 62040 or fax to: 876-4240. For more information, call the Sports Department at 877-7700.



For more information on the Kids' Fair call (314) 436-1516 or 345-4300.

Party at the Park

Fairmount Park and Budweiser join forces on Friday evenings in June, July and August.

The gates open at 6 p.m. and racing begins at 7:30 p.m. Top local bands will perform in the Black Stallion Room throughout the race cards, stopping only while the races are in progress.

For only \$5, fans receive admission to the track, an unlimited hors d'oeuvre buffet, plus discount prices on special drinks and the opportunity to win prizes.

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Clair games.

Rim shots

When the East St. Louis Lincoln girls basketball team lost 60-40 at home to powerful Chicago Marshall recently, the Tigerettes need not despair. Among Marshall's victories was a 133-9 win over Chicago Wells.

Of course strange things are not unusual for the Chicago Public League, where in a boys game, King defeated Dunbar 89-64 in a rout that featured 21 dunks.



Tigers' Hutton, Kahoks' Lutz among finalists for Rising Star

The Greater St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame and Mike Shannon's Restaurant announced the finalists for the 1997 Rising Star Award.

Seventy-four athletes who played high school varsity baseball were nominated for the prestigious award, in its third year. The selection committee, comprised of the Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame's Board of Directors, reviewed the nomination forms and selected the finalists based on their athletic abilities, baseball achievement awards and academic standing.

The winner will be selected by St. Louis area coaches, American Legion coaches, sports scouts and the ABHF Board of Directors. The award will be presented April 18 at the 25th anniversary banquet of the ABHF.

The Rising Star award finalists are Ben Hutton from Edwardsville High School, Ken Lutz of Collinsville High School, Alvin Morrow of Kirkwood (Mo.) High School, Mick Weiss of Francis Howell North in St. Charles (Mo.) County, and Nick Wilgong of Francis Howell High School in St. Charles (Mo.) County.

Hockey club forms

Two local hockey coaches have announced the formation of a new junior team in the Metro East.

Joe Lebrky and Larry Thatcher are seeking approval from USA Hockey to form the Illinois Thunder, which will be comprised of past and present Class AAA and AA and high school teams. The squad will play at the new facility in Fairview Heights (scheduled to open this spring) and the East Alton rink.

"The forming of a new junior team in the Metro East will offer good players in this area a chance to continue their hockey careers beyond that which is currently available," Lebrky said. "We are awaiting more information from USA Hockey to see if they suggest Junior B or C. If Junior C, we would expect to move up to Junior B within two years. Either way, we are bound and determined to form this team to help expand interest in hockey in this area."

As part of the process of forming a new board of directors and seeking major sponsors, Team tryouts will probably be sometime in June or July and will be open as well as by invitation.

"We have formed a select team made up of top local high school players and have participated in tournaments in

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Detroit and Chicago the last two years, experiencing above-average results. We feel confident the level of play in the Metro East will help make us very competitive."

Lebrky and Thatcher are currently members of the board of directors and coaches of the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association and between them have more than 35 years of hockey experience.

For more information regarding player participation or sponsorship, call Lebrky at 234-1741.

Momentum teams win

Belleville Momentum Volleyball Club's select 14-and-under team won the Belmo Blitz 14 tournament March 28 at Emge School in Belleville. They defeated St. Louis VBC in the championship match.

Members of the Momentum 14s squad are Tara Altman, Hilary Bennett, Ashley Clapp, Lauren Hasenstab, Alicia Herzog, Jackie Morrison, Katelyn Panzau, Jennifer Spilman and Kelsey Warning. The coach is Rana Zenasarosa.

The Momentum 15-and-under select team won the Belmo Blitz 15 tournament held March 29 at Emge School. They defeated Kirkwood VBC in the title match.

Members of the Momentum 16s squad are Christina Archibald, Kim Carpenter, Beth Hudnall, Kendra Larfson, Kelly Matysik, Erin Noble, Peggy Rapp and Kim Woolley. Lynn Crawley is the head coach.

Potthast camps

The 17th annual J.R. Potthast Baseball Camp will be 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon June 8-12 and June 15-19 at the Highland VFW (Camps may come at 7:30 a.m. for extra hitting).

The camp is for boys ages 8-16; campers are divided into groups by age and ability. The cost is \$38 for one week and \$69 for two weeks (\$48 and \$78 after April 20).

For more information, call Marcia at 654-2613. There will also be an advanced pitching clinic for pitchers ages 12 and older on Sundays: May 3, 10, 24 and 31. The cost is \$20.

The J.R. Potthast Softball Camp will be 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon June 15-19 at the Highland VFW (campers may come at 7:30 a.m. for extra hitting).

The camp is for girls ages 8-16; campers are divided into groups by age and ability. The cost is \$38 (\$48 after April 20).

For more information, call Marcia at 654-2613.

Golf tournament

The Little Knights Football Club will sponsor a three-man scramble golf tournament on April 24 at Yorktown Golf Course in Belleville. There will be a shotgun start at 7 p.m., with prizes for longest putt, closest to the pin and a skins game. The entry fee is \$75 per team and includes refreshments and golfing fees. For more information, call Glen Stone at 277-3010 or Angelo Alvarez at 624-8754.

Softball team

The Southwestern Illinois Masters fastpitch softball team is seeking 40-and-over players interested in Tuesday night play in Edwardsville as well as tournaments in Illinois, Missouri and possibly Oklahoma City.

For more information, call E. J. "Pete" Petrovich at 566-8017 or Jim Markham at 494-0423.

SISL registration

The Southern Illinois Senior Soccer League is accepting team and individual applications for the 1998 summer outdoor soccer season.

The SISL is registering men's open teams for players age 20 or older. This is a recreational league with a 10-plus-game schedule playing in the Metro East during June and July. Teams interested in applying should call Don Digilolamo at 344-5577.

BAC softball camps

Belleville Area College softball coach Kathy Bernal will conduct two softball camps this August.

Both camps will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the college's Belleville campus, 2500 Carlyle Ave. The first camp, Aug. 10-12, is for girls in grades 5-8; and the second camp, Aug. 17-19, is for grades 9-12.

The cost of each camp is \$35. The limit per camp is 60 players. Checks should be made payable to BAC Softball Camp. For more information, call 235-2700, extension 271.

BAC baseball camps

Boys ages 7-17 can learn or improve their baseball fundamentals this summer at Belleville Area College's Belleville campus, 2500 Carlyle Ave., as BAC baseball coach Neil Fiala conducts his annual summer camps during June and July.

Campers will learn the techniques of hitting, pitching and fielding. The cost of the two fundamentals camps is \$60; the cost of each specialized camp is \$30. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and enrollment is limited.

Checks should be made payable to Belleville Area College and should be mailed to Belleville Area College, Business Office, 2500 Carlyle Ave., Belleville, Ill. 62221.

Camps will take place during the following weeks:

- June 8-11, a.m.-noon, fundamentals camp
- June 15-18, 9 a.m.-noon, fundamentals camp
- June 22, 9-11 a.m., specialized camp (hitters)
- June 24-25, 9-11 a.m., specialized camp (pitchers)
- July 6-7, 9-11 a.m., specialized camp (hitters)
- July 8-9, 9-11 a.m., specialized camp (fielders)

For more information, call 235-2700, extension 271.

BAC basketball camps

Belleville Area College men's basketball coach Jay Harrington and women's coach Mike Juenger will conduct their annual basketball camps this summer.

Area boys and girls from grades 1-12 are eligible to take part in the week-long sessions, which will be offered in June, July and August. Costs of the camps vary. Checks should be made payable to BAC Basketball Camp and should be mailed to Belleville Area College, Business Office, 2500 Carlyle Ave., Belleville, Ill. 62221.

Camps will be held during the following weeks:

- June 15-19, 9 a.m.-noon, girls grades 5-8. Cost: \$50.
- June 19, 1-4 p.m., boys grades 5-8. Cost: \$50.

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Warriors victorious in opener

Finally beat Incarnate Word

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Heading into last Friday's opening game against Incarnate Word Academy, Granite City coach Gene Baker admitted that he was relying on four or five freshmen who had to step up big for the Lady Warriors' soccer team this season. Baker was not disappointed.

Freshman Jolene Harris took a textbook crossing pass from senior co-captain Ismaham Mohsen and buried a perfectly placed shot in the upper right-hand corner of the goal to give Granite City its only goal in an impressive 1-0 win.

It was the Lady Warriors' first victory against Incarnate Word, a Missouri powerhouse, in four years. The Red Knights had pinned a pair of 1-0 losses on the Lady Warriors last year — the only blemishes on Granite City's regular season record.

"We had a series of one-touch passes," said Mohsen. "I was on the left side, and the ball was passed to me. I crossed it into the box and Jolene was there, right where she should have been. It was a beautiful shot."

"It was nice," said Baker, smiling. "It was a good, clean goal."

Defenders Amber Hubert and Natalie Judge and goalkeeper Shannon Roth took on from there, completely shutting down the Red Knights' high-octane attack.

"Our defense was very, very good," Baker said. "The wings (Hubert and Judge) were, I think, very strong. And Shannon played a quality game in goal. We had some freshmen step in and give us some quality minutes. And our veteran players set the tone for everyone else. It was a really good team win, a really good way to start our season."

The win gave the Lady Warriors a great deal of confidence heading into this week's home games against Aquinas-Mercy (Monday) and Collinsville (Thursday).

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRES)

Granite City girls' soccer coach Gene Baker's team debuted impressively Friday night with a 1-0 victory against Missouri power Incarnate Word Academy.

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•Soccer

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Backfielder Jennifer Willman, goalie Shannon Roth and midfielder/striker Ismaham Mohsen will form the backbone of the Granite City squad this season.

Izzy (Mohsen) brings so much to the field," Baker said. "She brings speed; she brings the ability to turn with the ball, which is so important; she brings the most experience on the team; and she brings the potential to be a potent scorer."

Last season, Mohsen was the third-leading point-producer for the Lady Warriors, parlaying 10 goals — second-best on the team — and six assists into 26 points. Only Michelle Montgomery (47 points) and Jaime Dellbringe (26) produced more points.

Joining the talented senior quartet will be sophomore Erika Todd and junior Felicia Mohsen, the fourth- and fifth-leading scorers on last year's squad.

Anchoring a strong defensive unit will be junior Melissa Montgomery — perhaps the premier defensive player in the St. Louis area — who will be joined by wingers Amber Hubert, a junior, and Natalie Judge, a sophomore.

Montgomery, Mohsen and Todd are team captains for 1998. "We will have four or five freshmen who will be seeing a lot of varsity time for us," Baker

said. "And we will be starting two sophomores, Todd and Judge. We'll be young, but not inexperienced. What we'll be striving for early on is the ability to recognize our mistakes and avoid them. That will be the early sign that we are moving the right direction. Beyond that, we are striving for some sort of stable performance day in and day out as we try to find more systems we can use and adjust to during the course of a game."

Baker's girls teams have compiled a 44-5-2 record over the last two seasons, and began the 1998 campaign with an impressive 1-0 win on Friday at Incarnate Word Academy — a perennial Missouri power and a team the Lady Warriors had not defeated in four years. Incarnate Word won a pair of 1-0 decisions against Granite City last year.

"Our schedule this year is outstanding," said Baker. "We open with Incarnate Word, (St. Louis) Aquinas-Mercy and Collinsville. We play again in the St. Dominic Tournament (in Missouri), which is always outstanding. The Southwestern Conference this year is the best it has ever been for girls soccer. We have a schedule that will improve our play and prepare us for the post-season."

The Lady Warriors battled visiting Aquinas-Mercy on Monday and host SWC rival Collinsville on Thursday. Junior Varsity action begins at 4:30 p.m.

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GENERATION JESUS YOUTH GROUP, led by youth minister, 5 to 8 p.m. every Sunday at N. Main St. 1900 Pontoon Road.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 2020 Johnson Road, holds Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship at 10:45 a.m. every Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

ST. PETER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 2101 Cleveland Blvd., holds Sunday School at 9 a.m. and has preschool available. Morning worship services at 10:15 a.m. Nursery available. Everyone welcome.

NIEDERHAUS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and Prayer Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Nursery Available. Everyone is welcome.

JESUS EVERY THURSDAY (JETS), led by the music director, is for kids 3 to 11 years old. Meets from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Thursdays. Music/Bible study and fun at Niederhaus United Methodist Church, 3011 and Delmar. Mom's Bible study and share group meets at the same time as children. For more information, call 877-4555.

FULL GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP, 3950 Horseshoe Lake Road, has Sunday service and Children's Church at 10:30 a.m., Monday Night Miracle Service at 7 p.m., Wednesday night service at 7 p.m., and Wednesday night youth service at 7 p.m. Full

Gospel Fellowship invites all to attend and enjoy power-packed services.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GRANITE CITY Lenten Bible study at 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays March 4 through April 1 at 2100 Delmar Ave. For more information, call 452-1100.

HOLY FAMILY holds Lenten Fish Fries from 4 to 7 p.m. every Friday now through April 10 at 2005 Washington Ave. Fish Fries will be held in the community center cafeteria. Plates and sandwiches served. Carpooling available.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH Adventure Club, an after school activity for grades 4-6, meets 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays at the church, 1900 Harris St. For more information, call 452-0273.

GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 3025 National, holds Bible class for young adults at 9 a.m. Sundays, new Sunday school class for junior high at 9, Bible class for all ages at 9, and has a 10 a.m. worship service.

Community

MADISON COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP, meets at 7 p.m. the fifth Monday of the month. For more information call Dan at 452-2336 or Diane at 876-1360.

MITCHELL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 2 regular monthly board meeting is 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month, at 5123 Maryville Road, 931-0521.

MADISON LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES holds monthly meetings at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of every month at the Madison City Hall, 615 Madison Ave.

Dance

MIDWESTERN UNITED STATES IMPERIAL DANCE CLUB (MUSIC) regular monthly meeting is held every other Sunday at the American Legion in Collinsville. Nonmembers welcome. Dance lessons from beginning to advance are given from 6 to 8 p.m. at a cost of \$4 for members and \$2 for nonmembers. For more information, call 463-2405.

BOOTS & SLIPPERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB, square dance lessons, 7 to 9 p.m., every Monday, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fairview Heights. The cost is \$2.50 per person, per lesson. For more information, call 797-6528 or 344-4530.

Food/Nutrition

MEALS OF LOVE, sponsored by Madison County Baptist Association. Free meals to anyone in need. Every Tuesday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., at Second Baptist Church, 21st and Illinois streets, Granite City. Everyone is welcome.

POLISH PIEROGI SALE, Sacred Heart Polish National Catholic Church, 930 Reynolds, Madison, 9 a.m. to noon, first Saturday of each month. Seven varieties: cabbage, cheese, kraut, potato, sausage and kraut, plum pudding and lace. Carry-outs only. \$6 per dozen. Cooked and ready to heat and eat. Also Chrusciki and rosettes. Order ahead by calling 876-5850, 876-3696, or 931-3367.

RESCUE MISSION, 1536 Fourth St., Madison, food pantry is open from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday. Samuel Turner is the chairman. Valonda Turner is the secretary and Alfred Turner is the pastor.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH MONTHLY COUNTRY BREAKFAST, 8 to 11 a.m. the second Saturday of each month at 2001 St. Clair Ave. Eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits,

homemade gravy, and jellies, coffee and orange juice. Meals are \$4 for adults, \$2 for children. Call 451-7788 for more information.

GRANITE CITY FOURSQUARE CHURCH, 12th and Edwardsville Road, hot meals served free of charge, the last Monday of each month, to those in need or those who just want someone to talk to. Open to public. For information or a ride, call 451-9635.

Health/Exercise

Bernia Chiropractic, 3361 Fehling Road in Granite City, is offering **FREE ELECTRONIC SPINAL SCREENINGS** from 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday and Thursday. Call 876-2073 for more information.

TOPS 2363, 8:30 p.m. every Thursday at Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St. For more information call Bobbie at 452-0273.

FREE SENIOR CITIZEN EXERCISE CLASS, 9 a.m. every Thursday at Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St. For more information, call 452-0273.

TOPS 2048 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6 p.m. every Monday, Melvin Price Support Center 187 Granite City. Call 876-2124.

TOPS 11 645, 7 p.m. every Monday, Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St., Granite City, 452-6102. Men and women welcome.

TOPS 1639 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) will meet at 6:45 p.m. every Tuesday at the Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St., call 797-2724 for more information. Men and women are welcome to attend.

TOPS 11 2417, 6 p.m. every Tuesday, Calvary Lighthouse Church of God, 1205 W. Pontoon, Weighin at 5:30 p.m. Anyone age 7 or above with a weight problem is welcome. For more information, call Ann at 452-6102.

ST. ELIZABETH MEDICAL CENTER'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM is presenting a talk entitled, "Dual Diagnosis and Alcoholism," at 7:30 p.m. April 7. The speaker will be Mark Piper, MS, CEAP, of the Behavioral Health System. The talk will be held in the Wiseman Room at SEMC. The talk is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, call 798-3888.

MADISON COUNTY URBAN LEAGUE HEALTH CARE SERVICES offers the following each week at 500 Madison Ave. in Madison: Walk-in pregnancy testing and prescription refills, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays; Family planning services, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays; STD screening and treatment, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays; and family planning services, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 452-5394 for appointments or more information.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS CHAPTER 1340, meets at Granite City Township Hall second Wednesday of each month. Doors open at 5 p.m., refreshments served at 6 p.m. All seniors 50 and over are welcome. For information call 877-3020.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP of Central Christian Church meets at 8:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month for breakfast and fellowship. For more information and/or location of meetings call 931-2098.

GRANITE CITY BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN, meeting at Jerry's Cafeteria, Dinner at 6:30 p.m., third Wednesday of each month, followed by a program at 7:15. Open to the public. For more information call 452-5391 or 451-6914.

NOON NETWORKING FOR WOMEN, third Wednesday of each month, noon to 1 p.m., Ramada Inn in Fairview Heights. Cost is \$10 (no annual dues). Please feel free to bring your business cards and brochures. Bring a friend a get \$4 off your next lunch Noon Networking.

SINGLES ALIVE, a Christian singles group will meet at 3 p.m. April 4 at Roxana Nazarene Church on Central Avenue to carpool for miniature golf, go-carts, games and more fun. All denominations and ages welcome.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP of Central Christian Church meets at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of each month. For more information, call Helen Stumpe at 931-2098.

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, a hereditary group for descendants over age 12 of Confederate veterans, meets every third Thursday of every month at Ravanelli's Restaurant in Granite City. Call 877-3365 for more information.

NAVY MOTHERS CLUBS OF AMERICA, meet at 7:30 p.m., second Thursday of each month, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Granite City. Mothers, fathers, daughters, wives or sisters of former and present Navy, Marines, Coast Guard or Sea Bees are encouraged to join. For further information, call 931-2292 or 876-2209.

THE SARAH AND DORCAS CIRCLES OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meet at 9:30 a.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information and/or meeting location, call Helen Stumpe at 931-2098.

THE RUTH CIRCLE OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information and/or meeting location, call Helen Stumpe at 931-2098.

LYDIA CIRCLE of Nameoki United Methodist Church meets at 1 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information phone, 877-1936.

GREATER BENEFICIAL UNION OF PITTSBURGH, District 491, Granite City Council, meets at 8 p.m., first Friday of each month, at Third Baptist Church, 18th and Grand Avenue in Granite City. James P. Reagan, president, can be reached at 288-7390, and John Solomon, secretary, can be reached at 451-9201.

GRANITE CHAPTER 650 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR meets the second Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard in Granite City.

DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD RESTAURANT, 501 W. Hawthorne, meets Friday of each month, Granite City, 876-7715.

GRANITE CHAPTER 650 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR meets the fourth Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard in Granite City.

METRO EAST LANDLORD'S ASSOCIATION meets the first Monday of each month at the Eagles Lodge in Collinsville.

CAMERA EXPLORERS CLUB, Hartford Public Library, 143 W. Hawthorne St., 7 p.m., third Monday of each month, Call Beverly Zager, 254-0394.

ELKETTES, Granite City Lodge 1063, Maryville Road, 931-3557, 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month except July and August.

MADISON COUNTY LEGAL SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION, meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Open to everyone in legal field: attorneys, legal secretaries, support staff, court reporters and court personnel. For more information call 463-4400.

MADISON COUNTY HOMEMAKERS EXTENSION ASSOCIATION, Granite City unit, noon, first Tuesday of each month, at the Anchorage Recreation Center. For more information call 876-7028 or 931-3735.

THRO UNIT, MADISON COUNTY HOMEMAKERS EXTENSION ASSOCIATION, noon, first Tuesday of each month, Hope Lutheran Church, 3715 Wabash Ave., Granite City.

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL, meet the first and fifth Tuesday of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. at Shoney's, Highway 157 (44 Commerce Drive), Collinsville. Come join us for better communication and leadership skills. For more information call 632-6026 or 344-2888.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES, the chapter 1067 meets the second Tuesday of each month, except July and August, at 11:30 a.m. at Ravanelli's Restaurant in Granite City. For more information call 876-8450, or 452-3226.

BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION OF GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL, 3101 Madison Ave., 451-5808, 7 p.m., second Tuesday of each month.

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS, Granite City Lodge 1063, Maryville Road, Granite City, 931-3557, 8 p.m., second Tuesday of each month.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 3RD DEGREE, 4225 Old Alton Road, 7:30 p.m., the second Tuesday of each month, 877-4250.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 4TH DEGREE, 4225 Old Alton Road, 7:30 p.m., third Tuesday of each month, 877-4250.

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS, Granite City Lodge 1063, Maryville Road, Granite City, 931-3557, 8 p.m., fourth Tuesday of each month.

JOB'S DAUGHTERS BETHEL #43 meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 3RD DEGREE, 4225 Old Alton Road, 7:30 p.m., fourth Tuesday of each month, 877-4250.

GRANITE CITY KIWANIS meets at Shoney's at 7:30 a.m. every Tuesday.

The Troy/Maryville/Collinsville chapter of **BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L (BNi)** meets every Tuesday at 7 a.m. at Randy's Restaurant in Troy. For more information, please call Lisa at 867-9340.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED will meet at 10 a.m. the fourth Thursday of each month, except July, at the Nameoki Methodist Church, 1900 Pontoon Road.

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA Life Insurance Society meets the last Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at Ravanelli's Restaurant.

THE JOLLY QUILTERS, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., every Thursday at the Social Center, 906 Thorngate Drive in Mitchell.

GRANITE CITY COMMUNITY BAND rehearsals, 7:30 to 9 p.m. every Thursday, St. John United Church of Christ, 2001 N. Main St., Granite City, 931-0443.

BURT - BUBBLEMASTERS UNDERWATER RESCUE TEAM meets at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at 4800 Old Alton Road next to the Mitchell Fire Protection Department. Tours are available by appointment, 931-8317 or write to the above address.

MADISON COUNTY FAMILY ALLIANCE will meet from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Milonski Room at St. Elizabeth (See CALENDAR, Page 6B)

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Calendar

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 Medical Center in Granite City. For information, call 462-4863, extension 104.

NEW HOPE CHAPTER 432 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR meets at 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays of each month at Masonic Temple, 1940 Cleveland Blvd. in Granite City.

TRIPLE LODGE 835 A.F. and A.M. meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Masonic Temple, 1940 Cleveland Blvd. in Granite City.

SCHOOL OF METAPHYSICS, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., every Tuesday, 9459 Roslan Place, St. John, Mo. 63114. Classes in applied metaphysics. Call Melanie McManus at 429-0076.

Seniors

PONTIAC BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS BINGO, every Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., 3010 Highway 111, Ponton Beach.

CHOUTEAU TOWNSHIP SENIOR CITIZENS, meets the fourth Thursday of each month, 6 p.m., Potluck, Social Center, 905 Thompson Drive, Mitchell.

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EAGLE PARK ACRE SENIORS OF MADISON meet every Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon at 100 Hill St. (rear), Eagle Park Acres, Madison.

FREE SENIOR CITIZEN EXERCISE CLASS, 9 a.m., every Thursday, Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON PINOCCHIO CLUB for seniors 55 and over meets at 12:30 p.m. every Friday at the Harold Brown Building, Ponton Avenue and Ponton Road. Call 877-0350 for more information.

PONTON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS pot luck dinner the last Saturday of each month, 5 p.m., 3910 Highway 111, Ponton Beach.

GRANITE CITY SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB meets at the Nelson Hagnauer Township Hall. Doors open at 4 p.m. April 5 for the next bingo and games. For information, call 877-1215.

PONTON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS, meeting, third Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., 3910 Highway 111, Ponton Beach.

Support Groups



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March 20, 1998

An open letter to all LANDOWNERS:

Stormwater control is almost as well thought of as mother hood, apple pie, and baseball in all of Illinois. Drainage Districts and farmers have been doing water management for over 100 years. This past week in the Local Government Committee of the Illinois House of Representatives, Representative Tom Holbrook as sponsor of House Bill 3352, which has very dangerous implications for all landowners. Holbrook's legislation does not stop with flood control in the American Bottoms area. Specific language passed by this committee gives the county boards of three counties control of the water and the release rate of all water in the incorporated area which includes cultivated farmland. In contrast, no control is imposed on the water in incorporated or urban areas where impervious surfaces accelerate the runoff and cause floods. The specific language from HB 3352, Section (c) reads as follows:

(c) The county board may prescribe by ordinance reasonable rules, regulations, and standards for stormwater and flood plain management and for governing the location, course, width, and release rate of stormwater runoff channels, streams, lakes, and basins in the unincorporated portions of the county for the purpose of mitigation of the effects of urban stormwater runoff.

Controlling water and release rates in the rural areas is control of farmland which opens the door for taxation or penalties but does not attack the real problem: impervious surfaces in the urban areas.

Representative Holbrook had another choice. House Bill 3351 was approved by the Metro-East Stormwater Committee and the Illinois Association of Drainage Districts. HB 3351 clearly states that the cost for stormwater control will be paid by a fee on impervious areas in watersheds that have problems. This is important since about half of the 3 county area does not drain toward the American Bottoms but does drain to the Kaskaskia. Representative Holbrook refused to probate a bill that would solve the problem by placing the fee on those that create the problem.

What can landowners do? Ask questions! Call the House Bill Room at 217-782-5799 and ask that a copy of House Bill 3352 be mailed to you. There is no charge for this service. Read and study the bill carefully!

This legislation could be passed into law very soon, and it definitely affects YOU!

Yours truly,

Robert Mulch, Legislative Chairman
 Illinois Association of Drainage Districts
 Telephone: 217-229-3108
 P.O. Box 28
 Raymond, IL 62560

THE C.H.U.R.C.H. OUTREACH INC. meets 7 to 9 p.m. every Wednesday night at True Fellowship M.E. Church, 1641 3rd St. in Madison. The church is an outreach program designed to support its community is the struggle with urge control. All meetings are confidential. For more information, call 877-TRUE.

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP, for patients, their families and caregivers, 6:30 p.m., second Wednesday of each month, in Pascal Hall, St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Refreshments are served. Call 798-3018 for more information.

PULMONARY SUPPORT GROUP, for persons with diagnosed lung condition, 11 a.m. to noon every Wednesday in 4 Doctors Solarium, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3019.

AL-ANON, 9:30 a.m. every Monday, 2116 Edison (side door) in Granite City. Call 463-2429.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. every Wednesday, 2116 Edison, Granite City, (800) 307-6600.

AL-ANON ADULT CHILDREN meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave., in the Kettler Center Conference Room A. Call 463-2429 for more information.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m. every Wednesday, St. Elizabeth School's Noah's Ark Day Care, Ponton Road, Granite City. The meetings are closed except for the last Wednesday of the month.

PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP, meets 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., first and third Thursdays of each month. For information on where meeting will be held, call Elaine Searcy at 462-2714 or Lyle Cumberly at 876-2382.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SELF-HELP GROUP meets from 7 to 9 p.m., second Thursday of each month, in the President's Room, inside Bonaventure's Cafeteria, on the ground floor of St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave. The group focuses on addressing the questions and concerns of caregivers and family members of people with Alzheimer's. All meetings are open to community members. Call 798-3018 for more information.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m., third Thursday of each month, in the President's Room, inside Bonaventure's Cafeteria, on the ground floor of St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave. The group focuses on addressing the questions and concerns of caregivers and family members of people with Alzheimer's. All meetings are open to community members. Call 798-3018 for more information.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m. every Thursday, 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, (800) 307-6600.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m. every Thursday, Presbyterian Church, Mitchell, (800) 307-6600.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 11 a.m. every Thursday, 2116 Club, 2116 Edison Ave., Granite City, (800) 307-6600.

AL-ANON, 7 p.m. every Thursday, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave., in the Kettler Center Day Care room C. Call 463-2429.

ALATEEN and PREALTEEN PROGRAM for 12 to 17 age group, and prelateen to 11 year age group, meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave. in the Kettler Center conference room A. Call 463-2429.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, Seeking recovery, 8 p.m. every Thursday, 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hotline 396-9409.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DIVORCED AND SEPARATED CATHOLICS meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Friday of each month (September through May) at St. Boniface School, 128 N. Buchanan, Edwardsville. Call 465-1463.

HEREDITARY ATAXIA (a disorder of nerve cells in the spinal cord and cerebellum) SUPPORT GROUP meets the second and fourth Friday of each month. Call Curt Williams, 877-5172, for information.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, noon and 8 p.m. every Friday, 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, (800) 307-6600.

STEMSS (Support Together for Emotional and Mental Serenity and Sobriety), A support group for people with a mental illness and an alcohol or substance abuse problem, meets every Friday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Pascal Hall, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Call 798-3804 for more information.

DEPRESSIVE MANIC DEPRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF MADISON COUNTY will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. every Friday, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City, in the Milsonski Room located in the basement. For more information call the DMAA office at (314) 776-3969.

RIVERS OF WATER WORSHIP CENTER SUPPORT GROUP, meets the first and third Saturday of each month, at 1307 Madison Avenue, Madison, 9:30 to 11 a.m., to comfort and restore. Group membership is open to all who are "broken" at no cost. Worship service will follow each third Saturday at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 341-3643 or 656-7831.

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Volunteers ready to 'bag it' again

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

Plans for the April 25 Operation Bag-It are well underway, according to coordinators. "Plans are going very, very well. There has been a tremendous commitment by the volunteers," said Louis Tiemann, Operation Bag-It coordinator. More than 4,000 volunteers are expected to take to St. Clair County roadways from 9 to 11 a.m. on April 25, cleaning up debris from 550 shoulder miles for the second year.

Operation Bag-It was organized by Tiemann, coordinator of Proud Partners, a program of Belleville Economic Pro-

gress Inc. This month has been proclaimed "Clean Up, Paint Up, Fix Up Month" by local governments, Tiemann said. He also said there has been cooperation from St. Clair County township supervisors, and school districts for the upcoming event. Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, students, organizations, and businesses are involved with the massive cleanup effort, Tiemann said.

"I think they saw what we did last year and were impressed by our track record," he said. This year, Operation Bag-It coordinators hope to fill 1,500

trash bags with 500 tons of trash after the cleanup. Other cities will also be holding their own cleanup efforts prior to Operation Bag-It.

In Belleville, residents are asked to take part in Clean-Up Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Those interested in volunteering can call the Belleville Township Office at 233-0206.

In O'Fallon, the downtown area will receive a thorough cleaning when the O'Fallon Main Street Spring Sweep rolls into town from 8-10 a.m. on Saturday. Volunteers are asked to meet in downtown O'Fallon at the First Street parking lot.

Calendar

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OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP, meets the third Saturday of each month, at Von Gortard Conference Center at St. John's Mercy Medical Center, 615 South New Ballas Road, 10 a.m. Meeting is free and open to OCD patients, family and friends. For information call (314) 842-7228.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m. every Saturday, 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, (800) 307-6600.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, Acceptance, 8 p.m. every Saturday, 2016 Belmont Ave., 24-hour hotline 398-9409.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. every Sunday, 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, (800) 307-6600.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, Live the Steps, 8 p.m. every Sunday, 2016 Belmont Ave., 24-hour hotline 398-9409.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m. every Sunday, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, PASCAL Hall, main floor, Granite City, (800) 307-6600.

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP, 3 to 4:30 p.m., third Sunday of each month, at Central Christian Church, 2020 Johnson Road, Granite City. The group, men only, will meet in the church's Terrace Room, enter through the Fellowship Hall door on the east side of the building. There is no charge. For more information phone Roger Zollars, any evening, at 656-5438.

ARTHRITIS SUPPORT GROUP, 7 p.m., fourth Monday of each month, Alton Memorial Hospital cafeteria, Room B.

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY RELAPSE PREVENTION group meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Monday at the Edwardsville Health Center, 1123 University Drive in Edwardsville. The group focuses on recognizing relapse-prone thinking, feeling and behavior patterns and helping group members grow in sobriety. For more information, call 798-3888.

NEGLECTED VICTIMS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, a support group for nonoffending parents of victims, meets from 6 to 7:30 p.m. every Monday at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville's Rape and Sexual Abuse Care Center. Call 682-2197 for details.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP, 1 to 3 p.m., first Tuesday of each month, President's Room, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3456.

ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL OF MADISON COUNTY, (AMI) meets the first Tuesday of each month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Mental Health Clinic, 50 Industrial Drive, Granite City. For information call

798-3604.

CUPFUL/ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL will meet at Market Avenue Church of God, 1505 N. East St. Louis every fourth Saturday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information, call (314) 868-8031.

BETTER BREATHERS, support group of those with chronic lung condition, second Tuesday of each month, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3118.

MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP, 7 to 8 p.m., Pascal Hall, main floor, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, second Tuesday of each month, 798-3510.

LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS SUPPORT GROUP, sub-chapter of Illinois Lupus Foundation, 7:30 p.m., third Tuesday of each month, Memorial Hospital auditorium, Belleville, 233-7750, extension 5860.

PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN, St. Louis Chapter, 8 to 10 p.m., the third Tuesday of each month at the American Cancer Society Building, 4201 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis. For more information call 452-2149 or (314) 391-2230.

SPOUSE SUPPORT GROUP, sponsored by Nameoki United Methodist Church, meets the third Tuesday of each month. For meeting time and place, call the church at 877-1936.

SINGLES CONNECTION events this week are: Meet at 6:30 p.m. April 1 at East Eddie's Bon Air Tavern in Alton for a fun evening and good food. RSVP to John M., 664-6072. Bowling at 7 p.m. April 2 at the SIUE University Center. RSVP to Peggy, 254-0452. Meet at 7 p.m. April 3 for happy hour at Michael's Restaurant in Highland. RSVP to Theresa, 344-6460. Meet at 7:30 p.m. April 4 for dancing at Lindendale Park in Highland. Admission is \$4. For information, call John M. at 654-5072. Game day again at 1 p.m. April 5 at Tim's in Edwardsville. Bring cards or games. RSVP to Paul, 332-1731. Meet at 6:30 p.m. April 6 at Tony's at Plaza St. in Alton for good food. RSVP to Terry, 931-1259. By April 5. Meet at 6:30 p.m. April 7 at Edwardsville YMCA Esic Drive for Volleyball, volleyball on a racquetball court with a softer ball. Cost is \$3 for three hours of play. Call Paul, 332-1731 for more information.

OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP, 2 to 4 p.m., fourth Tuesday of each month, Pascal Hall, main floor, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3167.

PEOPLE NEEDING PEOPLE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP, 7 to 9 p.m., fourth Tuesday of each month Wiesman Room, first floor, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, call Hospice of Madison County, 798-3399.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (women)

only, 8 p.m., every Tuesday, Presbyterian Church, Mitchell, (800) 307-6600.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m., every Tuesday, St. John United Church, 2901 Nameoki Road, Granite City, 662-8078.

ALANON, 8 p.m., every Tuesday, St. John United Church, 2901 Nameoki Road, Granite City, 463-2429.

ALANON, 8 p.m., every Tuesday, Niedringhaus United Methodist Church cafeteria, 20th and Delmar, Granite City, 463-2429.

ALANON AND PREALATEEN PROGRAM for 12 to 17 age group, and preteen for seven to 11 year age group, now meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, 2100 Madison (in the Kottler Center C Dayroom). For more information call 463-2429.

THE CIRCLE OF HOPE, a 12-step healing program for anyone whose life is affected by HIV infection meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the King's House on North 96th Street in Belleville. For more information, call 234-0291.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, Path to Recovery, 8 p.m. every Tuesday, 2016 Belmont Ave., 24-hour hotline 398-9409.

LEARNING TO LEAN support group for families with special needs children, for families and friends of any child with a disability. Meets 7 to 9 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month at Word of Life Tabernacle, 4870 Maryville Road in Granite City. Childcare is provided. Call Gina at 931-6453.

Other

MADISON COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday. For more information call Pam at 452-2336 or Diane at 676-1360.

MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY meets 7 p.m., second Thursday of each month, at Immanuel United Church, 809 N. Main, Edwardsville.

EDWARDSVILLE KENNEL CLUB 7:30 p.m., second Thursday of each month, Hayes Mallory Community Building, 216 Crane St., Edwardsville, open to public.

EAGLES AUXILIARY 1126 BINGO 1 p.m. every Sunday at the Nameoki Bingo Center. Also included will be a color raffle, 50/50 drawing free games and other raffles.

GATEWAY SOUNDS CHORUS 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Collinsville Senior Citizen Center, 420 E. Main, Collinsville. For more information, call Joyce Greiner at 308-8823.

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Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus offers a variety of classes starting in April including computer, technical and Aviation Maintenance Technology courses:

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SCHOOL NEWS

County early childhood screenings scheduled

The Madison County Region 1 Special Education Cooperative will conduct its annual early childhood/pre-kindergarten screening April 27 through May 1.

The screening is a free service for children between the ages of 2½ and 5 who are not eligible for kindergarten. Children must be 3 years of age by Sept. 1.

Children will be screened in the following areas: vision, hearing, speech and language, fine and gross motor, and basic concepts. Parents are asked to complete an interview form regarding questions about the child's birth history, socialization and development milestones, including age of talking, walking and toilet training.

The purpose of the screening is to identify children with special needs before they enter kindergarten. Special education services are provided through early childhood pro-

grams and may include speech and language therapy, physical therapy, and occupational therapy.

A regular education pre-kindergarten class serves 20 students and is designed to give students a boost before entering kindergarten. While this is not a special-education program, students must meet certain eligibility criteria.

This criteria includes screening test results, birth weight, chronic infections, asthma, allergies, marital status and educational level. Early identification of problems and appropriate intervention can contribute to success in kindergarten.

The screening sites are: Bethel Chapel Pentecostal Church, 2445 Ohio Ave., on April 27-28; Marshall School, April 29-30; and Blair School, May 1.

Appointments are necessary and may be made by calling 451-5836.

School donations



Eagles Auxiliary 1126 donated \$100 each to the PTAs of Niedringhaus School, Lake School, Mitchell School and Worthen School. Pictured above are Auxiliary President Mildred Boyd and Niedringhaus Principal Ellen Vayles.



Pictured above are Sally Baugh, secretary of the PTA; Mitchell Principal Greg Patton; PTA president Kathy Cook; and Boyd.



Pictured above are Eagles' bingo captain Helen Mueller, PTA president Tammy Jovi, Boyd and Lake Principal Nancy Sanders.



Pictured here are Mueller; Worthen Principal Debra Garland; and Boyd.

School of Medicine looks for free study volunteers

The Center for Vaccine Development at Saint Louis University School of Medicine seeks adult volunteers to participate in a free study to evaluate the presence of a newly discovered hepatitis virus.

Two different laboratories recently announced the discovery of new agents of viral hepatitis, which are being called hepatitis G. Little is known about these new hepatitis viruses, including their transmission and disease process.

It is important to characterize the new viruses in order to prevent the spread of disease and to develop treatment and vaccines. This study compares the prevalence of some new viruses in those with a sexually transmitted disease and

those who have never been treated for an STD to see if the virus might be sexually transmitted.

Study participants must be between 18 and 40 and never have been treated for a sexually transmitted disease. Volunteers will have one tube (2 teaspoons) of blood drawn for testing. For more information, call the Center for Vaccine Development at (314) 577-8649.

HONORS

The following students at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington were on the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 1997-98 school year.

BREESE — Amy Farrell.
CASEYVILLE — Gregory Webster.

GRANITE CITY — Rache; Kulasza.

HIGHLAND — Maria Steiner.

LEBANON — Thomas Doyle, Nova Laurie, Jennifer Rohn.

NEW BADEN — Kimberly Madenwald.

O'FALLON — Heather Carpenter, Kathryn Stump.

TRENTON — Emily Kuhn.

GRADS

Degrees have been awarded to the following students for the fall semester at Eastern Illinois University.

Bellefonte — MELISSA ASHBY, JASON BETZ, JEFFREY FORRLER, BROOKE HOOD.

Columbia — GREGORY SCHMIDT, DANILANVILLE — JON BILLMARTZ, East St. Louis — BERTHA AUSTIN, KATRINA HAMMOND.

Germantown — CHRISTIAN SCHROEDER.

Madison — JOCELYN LOCKE, Mascoutah — KRISTA ECKERT, GINA FOURNIE.

Millstadt — LORIA MARLEN, New Athens — JODY JONES, O'Fallon — JENNIFER RENO.

Prairie Du Rocher — DINA CHAPMAN.

Troy — VICKI CALL.

Motorcycle classes free of charge at SIUE

Free motorcycle courses will be offered at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville beginning Friday.

Course 2 will be from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Motorcycles, helmets and insurance are provided free. Students enrolling must be 16 years old. Students also must be Illinois residents and possess a valid drivers license or permit. Sixteen- and 17-year-olds can use this course to obtain a Class M license. For those people 18 years old and older, this course will waive the Driver Services Facility's riding test for obtaining a motorcycle license.

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The Women's Crisis Center of Metro East in cooperation with Memorial Hospital, will present a seminar about domestic violence.

This program will address:

- **Corporate Responsibility**
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- **The Manager's Responsibility**
How to recognize domestic violence, how to approach the issue with employees and how to support an employee who is in this situation.

• **Guidelines For Writing A Corporate Policy**

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This program is sponsored by Memorial Group, Inc. and Memorial Foundation, Inc. on behalf of Memorial Hospital.



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ENTERTAINMENT

VH-1 viewers get trivial information

By Kevin Carbery
Correspondent

I have been underwhelmed by the vast majority of new television programs launched in the last couple years, but there is one show that has bowled me over.

"Pop Up Video" on the VH-1 cable channel is a trivia nerd's dream. Not only do I get to see actual music videos — which MTV rarely finds programming time for these days, by the way — but the "Pop Up Video" producers present tidbits of information about the performers and the videos that range from the trivial to downright nasty.

This all goes on while the video is playing. While the action proceeds, small bubbles

as you would see in a comic strip pop up with the pieces of information inside.

On any given video on the show, you might find out that the performer came to the video shoot set four hours late and hungover from a night of partying. You also might learn that the director asked out one of the dancers, married her, then got divorced two years later. You may learn that the horse ridden by the band's lead singer had a gastrointestinal problem on the day of the shoot.

I don't even have to be a fan of the video showing to enjoy what "Pop Up Video" does. In fact, it's almost better to see the writers make fools of someone like George Michael than performers I like, such as Pearl Jam or Tom Petty. It does not matter that much whose video is on the screen, actually, as the writers come up with fun facts about everyone.

For this week's quiz, the top

ic is music videos.

1. What was the first music video ever shown on MTV?
2. Who was the lead singer for Van Halen when the group made its "Hot for Teacher" video?
3. When the MTV Video Music Awards were first held in 1984, which group won the Best Video in the Year award?
4. Who plays Madonna's father in her "Pappa Don't Preach" video?
5. Who were the original five MTV veejays?
6. Who won the MTV Video Music Award in the Best Female Video category for 1997?
7. The Gateway Arch appears briefly in which Phil Collins music video?
8. Which actress has a featured part in the Tom Petty video for "Mary Jane's Last Dance"?
9. What kind of animal, aside from the humans, is featured in the Clash video for "Rock the Casbah"?
10. Weird Al Yankovic parodied whose song by making a video that looks like an "I Love Lucy" episode?

Answers: 1. "Video Killed the Radio Star," by the Buggles, on Aug. 1, 1981. 2. David Lee Roth. This is my all-time favorite music video. 3. The Cars, for "You Might Think." 4. Actor Danny Aiello. 5. Nina Blackwood, Mark Goodman, Alan Hunter, J.J. Jackson and Martha Quinn. 6. Jewel, with "You Were Meant for Me." 7. "Take Me Home." 8. Kim Basinger, who plays the corpse. 9. An armadillo. 10. Toni Basil, for her song "Mickey."

I will be hosting a trivia night on April 18 at Lafayette Park United Methodist Church in south St. Louis. Call 771-9214 for further information.

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Antique show gives offers variety

By Rebecca Hopkins
Telegraph staff writer

Area antique lovers all headed to Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville this weekend for the 28th annual Friends of Lovejoy Library Antique Show and Sale.

The show featured 57 dealers from the Midwest displaying and selling furniture, china, jewelry, linens, books, silver and artwork.

Dana Bardone, director of development for the library, said the annual show has proved to be an excellent fundraiser for the library.

"We usually make \$10,000 to \$12,000 per show in ticket sales," Bardone said. "The income from vendor booth rentals is typically used to produce the show."

Although some dealers return year after year, Bardone said the Friends' group tried to appease the suggestions of last year's visitors.

"Many customers last year requested that we try to get more furniture dealers," Bardone said. "We have a few more this year, but several of our regulars are back, too."

The variety of items on display ran the gamut from vintage clothing to quilts to toys, but one dealer had a collection that was uniquely different from all the others.

One booth displaying an interesting array of items was the 1900s Antique Co., which is located in the Laura Building in downtown Alton. Owner Dottie Harris said they had a wide variety of rare and unusual general merchandise.

"This is just a small representation of what we keep in the store," Harris said. "We have three floors and carry a lot of walnut, oak and cherry furniture."

One item that was attracting a lot of attention was a signed, Stickley bookcase. Gustav Stickley manufactured a style of furniture in the early 1900s that started the arts and crafts craze. The pieces were prized for his use of quality woods primarily oak, an exquisite workmanship and simplicity of design.

"The best thing about this cabinet is that it's all original," Harris said. "No one has ever attempted to strip the finish. Even the glass has never been replaced."

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 1)

You can earn great money doing what satisfies you! Start by making some calls and requests this month. What you invest in this month pays off by August. Emotional issues are more pressing in September than they are in April. You may be asked to either commit or cut out. Your best signs for romance are Aquarius and Leo. Your lucky numbers are 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Being honest with yourself may be harder than leveling with others. A major purchase requires a deposit up front. It's OK to play the game. It doesn't mean you are a fake.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

A person you've become fond of may hide facts from you that could alter your relationship if discovered. It's important to realize that this person hasn't leveled with you out of a fear of losing you rather than in a spirit of deceit.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Accept a special challenge. Your current financial circumstances limit options on a shopping trip. Relations that have satisfied you in the past are no longer enough. Take advice in financial matters.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

It may seem that everyone is joined in a conspiracy to deny you the love and affection you so dearly love today. Others' attempts to make you happy might make you uneasy instead. New friends are especially eager to please you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

A younger colleague becomes your biggest fan. You have more creative juice in the afternoon. Let others have their way tonight. Go to what ever lengths necessary to feel fantastic, loving and healthy.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Hold romance sacred, or mis-haps and misunderstandings could drastically alter the situation. Ventures that are on the verge of being closed should be handled with speed and diplomacy. A Leo adores you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Friends give you such a glowing testimonial that someone who's extremely influential will desperately try to arrange a meeting with you. Avoid accepting new responsibilities until tomorrow. Love sizzles with an Aries.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

A special relationship could advance your career a lot quicker than you thought possible. Obstacles that stood in your way in business mysteriously disappear. Hanging out with a bad influence will damage your reputation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Consider postponing major trips now if possible. Remaining friends with someone you're not sure you can trust could be foolish. As much as it might hurt, it could be best to make a clean break.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Romance develops naturally when it's not forced. Love with a Taurus or Aquarius is especially fantastic. Help an employer or mentor keep up with the times. Getting involved in a volunteer activity rewards your soul.

Casino Queen offering live entertainment

April showers cannot keep the patrons away from week-end entertainment at the Casino Queen.

The Queen presents live entertainment from 6:30 p.m. to 1:15 a.m. every Friday and Saturday in the Royal Clubhouse Sports Bar Lounge.

This month's entertainment includes:

- April 3 — Soul Reunion featuring Lauren Marshall
- April 4 — Metro
- April 10-11 — Rhapsody
- April 17-18 — Jules Blatten Band
- April 24 — Velvet
- April 25 — The Melvin Turnage Band

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ENTERTAINMENT

Stories will be told at Mounds Fiddle contest set

A storytelling program, dance performances and a public lecture highlight April activities at Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site.

A storytelling program featuring tales of the Illiniwek Indians will be presented Sunday in the Interpretive Center auditorium.

John White, of Shawnee and Cherokee descent, will present "Stories from an Illiniwek Lodge," a program for children, at 2 p.m.; and "Oral Traditions of the Eastern Woodlands," a program for all ages, at 2:30 p.m. White directs the Ancient Lifeways Institute in Michael and for the past 29 years has been researching the language and culture of the Illiniwek, or Illini Indians, after whom Illinois was named.

The program is free and open to the public. The Kahok Dancers, a non-native group, will present free performances at 2 and 3 p.m. April 19 in the Interpretive

Center auditorium.

"The Explosive Development of Early Cahokia Mounds," a free public lecture by leading Cahokia Mounds authority Dr. Timothy Pauketat, will be presented April 26 at 2 p.m. in the Interpretive Center auditorium. Pauketat's recent excavations and research have focused on the rapid and complex cultural development that occurred around A.D. 1050 at Cahokia Mounds. His lecture will include evidence for his theories about Cahokia's rise and fall, as well as the role it played in the prehistoric Midwest.

"Cahokia Landscapes," an exhibit of paintings by Mark Sova of Collinsville and photographs by Tom Miller of Collinsville and Peter Bostrom of Troy will continue through May.

The installation of new steps up the front to Monks Mound continues, and the mound should be open to the public later this spring. Meanwhile,

the project to install drains in Monks Mound to alleviate a slumping problem has made an interesting discovery. A mass of obviously human-placed stones was encountered by workmen who were drilling holes for horizontal drains into the earthen mound. Because the stones are well inside the mound, there is no easy way to determine the dimensions of this feature or what it may be. Experts had always thought that Monks Mound was constructed entirely of earth.

Archaeologists from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, who have been monitoring the slump repair project, plan to do some testing on the stone feature in July using remote sensing instruments to try and determine its size, shape and purpose.

Free one-hour guided tours will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays during April and May. Tours visit the Twin Mounds, Mound 72 and the Grand Plaza. Self-

guided tours are available year-round through the free loan of a cassette player or the purchase of a guidebook, available in 13 languages, in the Museum Shop. For visitors with disabilities, a Braille guidebook is available, as is a 17-minute video tour of Cahokia Mounds, which may be viewed upon request in the Interpretive Center.

Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, administered by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, is eight miles from downtown St. Louis near Collinsville, off Interstates 55/70 and 255, and Illinois 111, on Collinsville Road. It is also accessible by bus #555 from the Metrolink Station at 5th and Missouri in East St. Louis. Cahokia Mounds is open daily free of charge, although a donation of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children is suggested. Call (618) 346-5160 for more information or a calendar of events.

The 18th annual O'Fallon Fiddle Contest and Bluegrass Show will be at 5 p.m. Saturday at the O'Fallon Knights of Columbus Hall on East Highway 50.

The event, which showcases the Midwest's finest fiddlers, always attracts a full house of area bluegrass and country music fans, with the participants coming from four states. A junior contest will be held for the youngsters under age 16.

After the contest, National "Open" Fiddle Champion, George Portz, and his award-winning "Friends of the Blue-

grass" band pick some rousing, hand-clapping bluegrass and country music. Portz is also the varsity wrestling coach at Collinsville High School.

Other features of this year's show include some bayou-style Cajun music, and the award-winning "Happy Tapper Cloggers" dancing to live music.

Junior harmonica sensation, Matt McElroy will also perform. The Knights of Columbus will be serving meatloaf dinners, and various sandwiches and beverages throughout the evening.

Choral group appears at SIUE

The Gregg Smith Singers choral group will appear at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

It is part of SIUE's Arts & Issues series.

The three-time Grammy Award-winning mixed choir is one of the most recorded singing groups and one of the few professional choirs still on tour in the United States. The concert, featuring 16 singers, will take place in SIUE's Communications Building theater. The concert will include contemporary works by Stephen Paulus and Gregg Smith; works by Dufay, Monteverdi,

and Edwin London; two recently rediscovered early pieces of Elliott Carter; historical American music, such as hymns from the 17th century Bay Psalm, music of William Billings, and late 19th century choral music; and classic popular songs by George and Ira Gershwin. Tickets are \$12; students, \$6, and are available at SIUE's University Center at the Union Station ticket office, (618) 692-2320, or, from St. Louis toll-free, 621-5168, Ext. 2320. TTY/TDD service is available for patrons with hearing impairments, (618) 692-3782 (V/T).

'True' story becomes entertaining movie

"Dangerous Beauty" is a rich, entertaining melodrama set in 16th-century Venice, in which neither war, plague, nor the Inquisition can keep apart two lovers destined for each other. It's that kind of movie.

The film is based on the supposedly true story of Veronica Franco (Catherine McCormack), poet and courtesan. More than simple prostitutes, courtesans were trained in poetry, arts and the arts and (according to the movie, at least) had a freedom and education denied to most women.

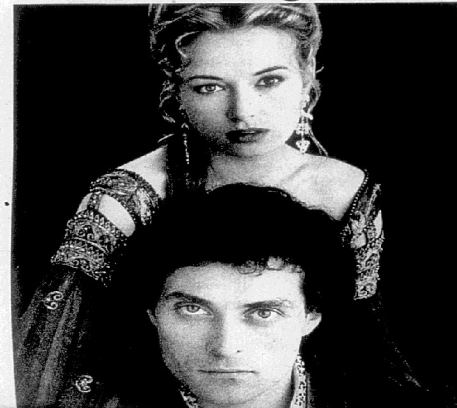
Born into poverty, Veronica is smitten with young Marco Venier (Rufus Sewell), but cannot marry him because of his aristocratic position. Being beautiful and charming, she is trained by her mother, Paola (Jacqueline Bisset) to become a companion to men of wealth and power.

In a series of enjoyable and humorous scenes, Bisset educates Veronica not just about physical acts, but about poetry, poise and manners. Most importantly, she learns about human behavior—how to flatter, attract and be a silent party to the conversations of the powerful. Veronica learns

quickly, enjoys her profession, and soon is spending nights with generals, bishops and even the King of France.

At one of these gatherings, she meets Marco, who is smitten with her transformation and is smitten with her. Even after Marco's family marries him to a dull aristocratic woman, he continues to send Veronica gifts and serenades her drunkenly from gondolas. She, for her part, is enjoying her new role and freedom too much to give it up as his wife.

Eventually, she and Marco grow closer, and realize they love each other. "Dangerous Beauty" is basically a historical romance novel on film, or an old-style Hollywood epic with lots of nudity. "Titanic" without the ship ... you get the idea. It becomes increasingly unbelievable as it goes on, the characters are broadly drawn and the message of freedom for women is heavy-handed. The rather frank sexuality of the film also, is not for all tastes. It is, however, filled with moments of charm and beauty, beautiful to watch, and very entertaining.



Catherine McCormack and Rufus Sewell in Regency Enterprises' "Dangerous Beauty."

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Hit parade shaky investment ground

"Show me the money." That four-word sentence became last year's catch phrase thanks to the hit movie "Jerry Maguire."

In the movie, the phrase referred to a football contract. In real life, it could apply to mutual funds. Everyone wants to see the money—that's why mutual funds talk about past performance and some brokers recommend hot funds.

Past performance figures are important because no one can predict a fund's future performance. After all, if you can't look at a fund's record, what can you look at?

However, be sure you look far enough back in time, and don't use past performance as your only criterion in choosing mutual funds.

Too many investors are short-term performance chasers. Their investing guideline is finding the hottest fund on the latest hit-parade list.

If this is your yardstick, you'll be interested in a recent study by Dalbar Inc., an investment research and publishing firm. Dalbar found that many funds base balloons, but the fund often falls.

This was exemplified in an article in Registered Representative magazine. The article discussed one of investing guru Peter Lynch's favorite mutual funds, now one of the biggest funds in the country.



Jeff Prosser

According to the article, Lynch scored his biggest gains from this fund when it counted less than \$1 billion in assets, "including a few superb years when the fund wasn't even open to the public."

The Dalbar study also showed that the funds themselves typically do better than the individual investors, mainly because investors focus too much on past performance without understanding that those figures are the long term.

For example, a fund with a long-term return of 12 percent annually may have fared quite differently for an investor who held it for only two or three years. One investment told Registered Representative magazine it takes about 20 years to determine if a mutual fund manager is skillful or just plain lucky.

Investors often jump when long-term expectations don't work out overnight. Dalbar found that this is the reason

many individual investors' results may underperform their funds' results. Stock fund investors tend to hold on to their average of three years. This doesn't allow a fund to benefit from a complete stock market cycle.

For example, from January 1984 through December 1996, the S&P 500 Index posted a compound annual return of 16 percent. Yet Dalbar estimates that investors who bought stock funds through brokers earned 8.2 percent a year. Those who bought do-it-yourself funds earned even less—6 percent annually on average. The reason: These investors did not hold their funds for the full period.

Most professionals agree that the best way to make money in mutual funds is to select a short list of outstanding fund groups. Learn everything you can about the funds in the family, choose those that meet your objectives, and stick with them.

Build a well-diversified mutual fund portfolio based on your long-term objectives. This is your map to financial security. Don't invest out of your rearview mirror, continuously jumping to the most recent hot fund.

If you want a mutual fund to show you the money, buy quality and hold it for the long term.



Hospice donation

The Granite City Eagles Auxiliary 1126 presented a \$500 check to the Hospice division of St. Elizabeth Medical Center. From left, Ted Eilerman, hospital administrator; Susan Allen, 1997 auxiliary president; Martha Simpson, 1997 cancer chairman; Mary Cambron, Hospice patient care; and Denise Saksa, Home Health Care.

Madison '78 searches for classmates

The Madison High School Class of '78 is trying to contact class members. We are also extending the invitation to anyone who would have graduated in the Class of '78 to join us as well.

Tentative plans for the 20th year reunion are being made for a banquet and dance this October in Belleville.

Anyone interested in working on the committee should contact

Debrah Sheary-Webster at 451-6913 or Carolyn Bisto-Rangle at 877-1182. The next planning committee meeting will be at 1 p.m. on March 28. The committee is searching for these class members:

Marsha Allen, Kathleen Apponey, Gloria Baker, Verna Barnett, Nathaniel Bell, Lisa Beville, Carolyn Bisto, Kenny Boyd, Richard Britt, Gerry Brooks, Vanszetta Brown,

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Shelters get boost

By Kimberly Haas Staff writer

Local emergency shelters received an extra boost recently when over \$2.4 million in total grant monies were dispersed by the state of Illinois.

Gov. Jim Edgar announced 87 nonprofit organizations are the recipients of grants, helping the groups to continue to provide emergency assistance to the homeless, in communities throughout the state.

"Every community knows the tragedy of homelessness," Edgar said.

"We are fortunate to have outstanding organizations in communities across Illinois."

Locally, organizations in Belleville, East St. Louis, and Granite City received grants.

In Belleville, the Salvation Army received \$33,588 and the Women's Crisis Center of Metro East received \$30,000 through the grant program.

In East St. Louis, Call for Help Inc. received \$46,110, Catholic Urban Programs received \$26,000 and the Salvation Army received \$37,800.

In Granite City, Catholic Charities received \$26,000 to help with its services. The grants are provided through the federally-funded Emergency Shelter Grants Program, administered by the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs.

NEWS

Center source of information for home gardeners

By Ellen Ellick
Staff writer

On a recent rainy not-yet-spring day, the fireplace in the William T. Kemper Center for Home Gardening cheered and warmed a few restless gardeners.

They fingered the stacks of seed catalogs, breathed in the scent of potted hyacinths blooming nearby and imagined the glory of the season ahead.

It's too early yet to grumble about weeds, rot, pests and flowers that dislike Missouri soil. This is the time when every gardener, even the novice, has all the green thumbs it takes.

And with a little help from the Center for Home Gardening, those thumbs might even remain green throughout the year.

The Kemper Center at the Missouri Botanical Gardens exists for the home gardener, offering free advice, education, an old-fashioned reference library, new-fashioned computer work station and 23 demonstration gardens outside its doors.

Steven D. Cline, the Kemper Center's manager, points out the year-round programs at the center.

"Sometimes people will just come here to look through the catalogs and magazines," he said. And often they ask questions of the volunteer master gardeners at the center.

This is the time for planning, and Kemper Center volunteers will help visitors with their landscaping and gardening plans. It's common for someone to bring in a pencil sketch and a few ideas.

Even if the visitor's ambitions are as modest as selecting a simple house plant, the Kemper Center can help. In fact, the center has displays of plants growing hap-

pily in east, west, south and north windows.

"Normally people fall in love with a plant but don't think about whether they have a good window for it," Cline said. By looking at the displays, individuals can select plants that will thrive.

The same follows if someone is planning a small vegetable garden or landscaping the entire neighborhood. Center volunteers help visitors select grass, plants and trees that not only grow well here but grow well with one another.

In addition to offering personal advice, the center provides an interactive computer work station. Visitors can find information on specific plants or grasses and their care. They can search for information on pest control, for the name of their closest nursery and for suggested products to deal with specific problems.

"This doesn't exist anywhere else, as far as I know," Cline said.

Near the computer work station is what Cline calls "the crown jewel" of the Center for Home Gardening: the Plant Doctor.

On this day, master gardeners Andy Molina and Joan Goltzman are studying a flower under a microscope. What they see is projected onto a television screen, where they point out the signs of a fungal disease.

This is a walk-in service. People bring in their sick plants — or parts of them — for a diagnosis and advice on how best to treat the problem.

Education, both formal and informal, is the major focus both inside the center and in the gardens surrounding it. And this spring the Missouri Botanical Garden also will offer classes at the South County

Education Center of St. Louis Community College as well as at the Garden in south St. Louis.

Upcoming classes include low maintenance perennials, ornamental and native grasses for the home garden, ground covers in the landscape and plants for herb gardens.

For those who prefer independent study, the Kemper Center provides a comprehensive botanical library, a series of brochures and videotapes, displays and the demonstration gardens. Would-be gardeners can collect ideas while walking through sample gardens that include a small city garden, a secret garden, butterfly garden, bird garden, prairie garden, shade garden and fragrance garden. Signs in the gardens provide information on care and maintenance.

All of the on-site services are backed up with a few phone-in programs. The Hotline contains pre-recorded home gardening messages on hundreds of topics. The Horticulture Answer Service provides live gardeners who will answer questions between 9 a.m. and noon Monday through Friday.

With the prime spring growing season ahead, the Kemper Center for Home Gardening also is promoting its GardenExpo, "Four Weekends of Springtime Gardening and Fun." On April 18 and 19, the theme will be "Diggin' In"; on April 25 and 26, "Growing Wild"; on May 2 and 3, "May Day Celebration"; and on May 9 and 10, "Scents & Sensibility."

The weekends will feature workshops, lectures, tours, food, children's activities, vendors and more.



Staff photo by JOHN SWISTAK JR.

Pet of the week

This 3-month-old neutered male, "Blue," is among many homeless animals available for adoption from the Metro East Humane Society. An Australian shepherd and basset hound mix, he is very sweet and playful and good with dogs and kids. To adopt Blue (Card D-167), apply in person at the shelter, 8495 Highway 143, Edwardsville, or call 656-4405.

Meramec begins annual assault

By Scott Hickey
Staff writer

Springtime showers may bring flowers, but they also can bring road closings and dangerous flooding.

The Meramec River, swollen from recent heavy rains, already has spilled over its banks this spring.

As of Friday afternoon, the only road still closed from the rain was Meramec Bottom Road, said David Wrona, a spokesman for the St. Louis County Highway Department.

Larkin Williams Road in Fenton also was closed last week after heavy weekend rains caused the river to flood the road, Wrona said.

Wrona said springtime is typically the worst time of year for flooding.

"We do our best to manage each flooding situation," he said. "We post road closings, put up physical barriers and monitor the flooding until it subsides."

Wrona said drivers should heed signs warning them of flooded roads.

"Those signs are posted for a reason," he said.

"Not only can you be ticketed for ignoring them, those roads are not safe and should be avoided."

Lou Hecht, assistant Fenton fire marshal, said even a little water covering a road should be given a wide berth.

"You should never drive on a road that has water running across it," he said.

"You can't tell how deep the water is, and it doesn't take much of a current to wash your vehicle away with you in it."

Hecht suggests drivers pay particular attention to weather reports to warn them about flooded areas.

"People need to be aware of their surroundings," he said. "Listen for problem areas on the radio and avoid them at all costs."

Most area rivers crested last weekend, said Jack Burns, a hydrologist with the National Weather Service.

"The Meramec crested seven feet over flood stage on Sunday, March 22," he said. "That's to be expected for this time of year."

Burns said the Meramec has a long history of springtime flooding.

"We can count on the Meramec flooding almost every year," he said.

"We've had years where it hasn't flooded, but those years are rare."

Snow melting in northern states has contributed to the area's rising rivers, Burns said.

Rain is predicted for the weekend, but Burns said he does not expect the rivers to start rising again.

"Normal spring thunderstorm won't affect the rivers," he said.

"The rain may slow down the river's recessions, but not by much."

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Seasoned fishermen angle for new seafood varieties in the market.

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Kids' Cuisine

Don't make the lesson too long when teaching a child to cook. Consider using plain or seasoned mashed potato flakes, cake and pancake mixes, canned and frozen fruit and thick soups as ingredients to bring delicious rewards quickly. This usually offers less opportunity for burns and cuts, too.

Health & Fitness

Medicine Chest

The amount of milk a child drinks may influence how strong his or her bones are as an adult, because dairy foods are a main source of calcium in the American public. Mom always said milk makes strong bones and research continues to support it. Bone density peaks around age 30, so an early start is important in preventing osteoporosis. As with other healthy pursuits, activity and exercise also affect the outcome.

Fresh Picks

Anyone who doubts the attractive loveliness of fruit only has to walk past the citrus section of the produce counter. With the ebb and flow of winter -- and now spring -- weather, it is the stalwart anchor of freshness this year. Variety citrus is as prolific now as juicy oranges and huge grapefruit. Tangerine is a variety of mandarin citrus; tangelos are a combination of tangerine and grapefruit. Each is 'zipper-skinned' for easy peeling and segments that separate into sweet bites. Honey tangerines are true to their name, with high sugar content and a thin, smooth peel.

Big Fat Tip

The profile of a salad is more than a head of lettuce casting a shadow in a dimly lit room. A salad consisting mainly of iceberg lettuce, a thin slice of tomato and a sprinkle of grated carrot likely starts low in calories and fat, as well as nutrition. Switch the lettuce to romaine, spinach or other dark greens, so vitamins and minerals soar. The same goes with using a minimum of 1/2 cup of a mixture of tomato, cucumber, carrot, green pepper and other vegetables. Fat comes from dressing and other add-ons. A restaurant that pours 4 tablespoons of salad dressing on top adds about 300 calories and 28 grams fat. Have dressing served on the side to use it sparingly. Light and no-fat dressings are a better choice. Sprinkle just a spoonful of grated cheese or fried crispy topping on top for garnish.

Future Shop

Recent jubilant announcements about a spray to use on chicks that will result in safe poultry coming into the kitchen is a breakthrough whose usefulness will be determined by continued safe procedures by the shopper and cook. There is plenty of bacteria to go around. It still will be necessary to keep the food refrigerated, cook it thoroughly and follow other procedures for keeping food and cooking areas and utensils clean.



By Janice Denham
Staff writer

There may be fake 'zebras' in the back yard, shoelaces unexpectedly loose and an assortment of other surprises popping up on April Fool's Day, but probably the most regular trickster in the spring ritual is the weather.

Is it time to plant potatoes, onions and peas or move early cabbage plants into the rows ready from last year? Only the meteorologist can give a guarded go-ahead.

Designing women and men find it hard to resist fragrant hyacinths, baskets of pansies or pots of tulips as seasonal flowers come to bloom.

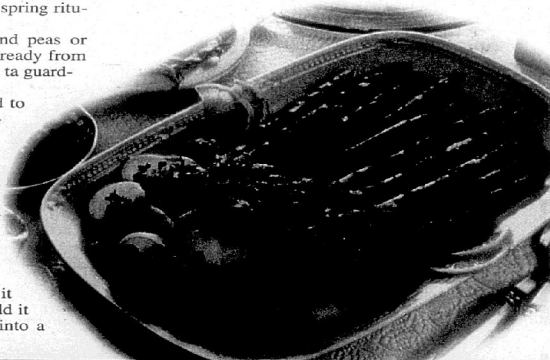
Asparagus bespeaks spring as brightly as forsythia. It's easy to dig into the flavor of fresh snap peas, spinach and new potatoes. More than a tricky mirage, they perk up meals when taste buds need a lift with old favorites, like carrots and pork chops, still on the menu.

Plan to use extra cooked asparagus wherever a green vegetable goes. Wrap it with beans, salsa and olives in tortillas. Add it to pizza toppings. Let it crunch its way into a

warm salad. Fill and bake phyllo or other pastry cups with a mixture of chopped olives, asparagus, fish and chopped dill.

For a full-flavored vinaigrette over 2 pounds of steamed asparagus, mix together 3 tablespoons olive oil, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, 2 teaspoons

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Microwave Caramel Corn

LIVELY TASTE

Popcorn has been tracked as a snack food for 4,600 years, so finding a few stray kernels under the sofa every once in a while is inevitable. This sweet and sticky caramel corn comes from the Smith family, owners of Jolly Time. It is easy enough for an older child to make, but an adult-in-charge should decide who makes it, because the mixture gets very, very hot and can spatter.



Microwave Caramel Corn
10 cups popped popcorn
1/3 cup butter or margarine
1/3 cup light corn syrup
2/3 cup packed brown sugar
1/4 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. vanilla

In a 4-quart (very large) microwave-safe bowl, microwave butter on high power about 45 seconds until melted. Stir in corn syrup and brown sugar. Microwave on high power 1 to 3 minutes, stirring once, until mixture boils. Microwave on high 3 minutes without stirring.

Stir in baking soda and vanilla; mixture will foam. Stir in popped popcorn, mixing well. Microwave on medium-high (70 percent) power 1 minute longer. Stir to coat popcorn evenly.

Cool on cookie sheet. Break apart. Store in tightly-covered containers. Makes about 2-1/2 quarts.



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Makes 4 servings.

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- 1 lb. carrots, peeled, cut in thin sticks
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- ¼ cup orange juice
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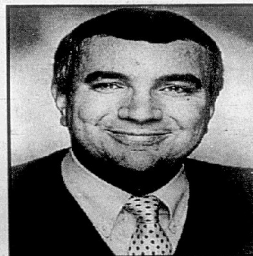
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- ¾ cup creamy peanut butter
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 1 cup milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla

- 2 cups flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- ½ tsp. salt

- ¾ cup semisweet chocolate mini chips

Preheat oven to 350°. Coat mini loaf pans with nonstick cooking spray.

In large bowl, cream peanut butter and sugar, using electric mixer. Add egg, milk and vanilla. Mix well. Mix in flour, baking powder and salt until just blended. Stir in chips.

Fill each pan half-full. Bake in preheated oven 25 to 35 minutes (baking time depends on size of pans).

Today's Food

Micro Raves

By JUDY EDDY

Fake crab plays trick on spring fishermen

Spring traditionally signals the fishing season. It is a time when lucky anglers or people who are lightening their eating load can fish at a local market.

When buying fish products, freshness is the most important quality. It should look fresh and smell sweetly fresh, not "fishy" or strong. Its texture should be firm, not soft and slimy. Packages of frozen seafood should be solidly frozen when bought, avoiding misshapen packages, which indicate they have thawed and been refrozen. Frozen fish should be thawed completely before cooking to ensure even cooking.

Fish, as a rule, cooks quickly by any method. However, microwave cooking eliminates cooking steps and time, without sacrificing taste and texture. Conventional baking or broiling of fish fillets or steaks can result in a dry texture. It never should be overcooked by any method.

When cooking fish in a microwave oven, pieces should be cooked until their texture is firm, then standing time completes

the cooking process. Fish fillets without a sauce or topping should be cooked with a plastic covering. Fish with a coating should be cooked uncovered so sauces or coatings do not become watery.

The seafood section of the store holds abundant choices. Leaner fish choices are haddock, perch, halibut, cod or sole. Richer, fattier fish choices include mackerel, trout, tuna, whitefish and various varieties of salmon. They all have nutrition bonuses.

An appropriate April Fool's Day alternative to the traditional varieties of seafood offered might be a fabrication. Surimi seafood is not fake fish, only fake crabfish. This delicious imitation is already cooked, so it can be added to most recipes which call for crab or shrimp.

This speedy alternative to shrimp Creole is prepared in minutes in a microwave oven.

Home economist Judy Eddy specializes in microwave cooking.

CREOLE CRAB

- 2 tbsp. margarine
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1/4 cup diced celery
- 1 tsp. parsley flakes
- 1 tsp. garlic salt
- 1/8 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 1 can (14 1/2 oz.) diced tomato
- 8 oz. surimi (imitation crab) seafood, cut in 1 inch pieces
- 3 cups hot cooked rice

Heat margarine on high power about 25 seconds until melted. Add onion, green pepper and celery. Cover with waxed paper to limit splatters. Microwave on high power 1 1/2 to 2 minutes until tender.

Stir in parsley, garlic salt, cayenne pepper and tomato. Simmer on medium (50 percent) power 15 minutes.

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Note: Trout, tilapia, pollock, orange roughy, cod or flounder can be used in place of catfish.

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***** SIMPLE SEAFOOD SUBS *****

Cut 8 ounces surimi (imitation crab) seafood flakes in half or shred them. Combine with 1/4 cup light mayonnaise. Serve on 4 sandwich rolls lined with lettuce leaves. Makes 4 servings.

Heart-y Bites

By PAUL OTT

Saga of meatless Fridays tells tale of opportunity

Lent is coming to a close and those meatless meals on Fridays may be becoming a little repetitive. How many ways are there to serve tuna and grilled cheese? The local church fish fry sounds good, but frying tends to lessen the nutrient value of food and add a lot of fat.

A major source of fat and cholesterol in the American diet is meat and animal products, so an easy way to cut back is to limit the amount of meat served with meals. It is a good idea, not just during Lent, but year-round, to have one day each week without meat to help reduce factors that can lead to clogged arteries and increase the risk of heart attack or stroke.

The American Heart Association guidelines recommend limiting meat portions to not more than six ounces per day. Unless portions are weighed, it is hard to tell exactly how much is being eaten, so people underestimate the amounts they eat. Good choices on the once-a-week meatless day can help balance out the little extras.

Like during Lent, many meal planners don't know what to put on the plate of a meatless meal. Traditional basics of the American diet are, in order, meat, starch, vegetable — literally "meat and potatoes."

The question is if the main part is cut out, what is there to eat?

First ideas often range from cheese to peanut butter, which is OK once in a while, but usually not for dinner. Eggs are fine, but

yolks should be limited to three or four per week because of their high levels of cholesterol, they usually are a breakfast item.

Is starvation the next line of offense?

In reality, options are limitless. There are beans, rice, pasta, vegetables, salads, casseroles. The list goes on and on.

The best way to start is with a vegetarian or meatless cookbook. Look at inviting photographs and recipes for ideas on meatless meals. They usually have nutrient breakdown. Some authors plan entire meals. It doesn't get much easier.

People also tend to fall short in getting fruits and vegetables. On days with meat, intake of these vitamin-loaded and fiber-rich foods may increase as vegetables replace meat. Vegetables are lower in calories than fat-laden meat and their fiber helps a person feel full.

A bonus of going meatless once a week is the variety. It puts pizzazz in the routine of meal planning, as well as cooking and eating.

This satisfying dish, adapted from the "Meatless Gourmet" cookbook fills the plate well with bread and salad with a low-fat dressing served alongside.

Registered dietitian Paul Ott is a member of the nutrition committee of the American Heart Association, St. Louis Chapter.

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tion or reservations, call 45-HEART. Free recipes and food products will be distributed.

ANGEL HAIR PASTA WITH FETA AND BROCCOLI

- 1 oz. (about 1/2 cup) sun-dried tomatoes (not oil-packed), cut in 1/4 inch strips
- 8 oz. uncooked angel hair pasta
- 2 cups small broccoli florets
- 1 tsp. olive or canola oil
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 tsp. chopped fresh or 2 tsp. dried basil
- 1 tsp. chopped fresh or 1 tsp. dried oregano
- 1/2 cup (3 oz.) crumbled feta cheese
- Pepper to taste

In small bowl, cover tomatoes with boiling water. Set aside.

Cook pasta according to package directions. Steam broccoli until tender-crisp.

Heat oil in large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Cook garlic 30 seconds.

Combine wine, water, basil and oregano. Add to garlic and cook 1 minute. Remove from heat.

Add pasta and broccoli. Drain tomatoes and add to pasta.

Add feta. Mix well. Makes 4 servings; 352 calories, 13 g protein, 9 g fat, 285 mg cholesterol and 19 mg cholesterol each.

when tested with fork. Remove to warm plates.

Add lemon juice and parsley to pan. Cook 30 seconds, stirring, to loosen contents. Pour over hot fish. Garnish with sliced lemon.

Makes 2 servings.

Recipe

CATFISH PICCATA

- 9 to 12 oz. skinless catfish fillet, cut in 2 pieces
- Pinch salt and pepper
- 1 tsp. flour
- 1 tsp. butter or margarine
- 2 tsp. lemon juice
- 2 tsp. minced parsley
- 4 thin slices lemon for garnish

Pat catfish dry. Season lightly with salt and pepper. Dredge in flour, shaking off excess.

Measure thickness of fish at thickest part to estimate cooking time. Allow 10 minutes per inch of thickness.

Heat butter in nonstick skillet over moderate heat until it bubbles. Cook fish 3 minutes. Turn over fish. Continue cooking until fish flakes

Today's Food

Wise Ways

By JANANNE FINCK

Sweets continue to ride on healthy-living track with low-fat ingredients

Cutting back on fat in baked foods usually helps people who want to eat fewer calories. Lowering fat and still having a tasty product is a challenge.

One easy way to lower fat in recipes calling for milk is to use lower-fat milk products. This reduces fat, calories and cholesterol. Using 1 cup skim milk in place of 1 cup whole milk cuts about 70 calories, 8 grams fat and 28 milligrams cholesterol. The same substitution works for evaporated skim milk in place of evaporated whole milk.

In old recipes that call for a lot of butter, margarine, shortening, oil or meat fat, total fat can be cut by one-third. This works best for

gravy, sauces, pudding and some cookies. For cakes and quick breads, use at least 2 tablespoons fat per cup of flour for best results.

For quick breads, unsweetened applesauce can be used in place of fats and oils. For best flavor and texture, substitute applesauce for half the amount of fat or oil. For example, if a recipe lists 1 cup oil, use ½ cup oil and ½ cup applesauce.

Another tip for lowering fat is to use yogurt for part or all the oil. When using a regular — not light or microwave — brownie or cake mix, substitute ½ cup plain nonfat yogurt for the same amount of oil. It bakes a cake mix moist-

ter. Fat in baked foods also can be lowered by using 2 egg whites in place of 1 whole egg.

This lowers calories from 80 to 32. Cholesterol drops from about 215 milligrams to less than 1 milligram.

When lowering fat in foods, the product may not be the same, but different doesn't make it bad. The health benefits are worth it.

Registered dietitian Jananne Finck is nutrition and wellness educator with the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service at the Springfield Extension Center.

MODERATE-FAT BROWNIES

- ¼ cup (½ stick) margarine
- ¼ cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 egg whites
- ¾ tsp. vanilla
- ¾ cup flour
- ¼ cup cocoa
- ¼ tsp. baking powder
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- ¼ cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350°. Coat 9-inch square baking pan with nonstick cooking spray.

In bowl, combine margarine, applesauce, sugar, egg whites and vanilla. Stir in flour, cocoa, baking powder and salt. Stir in nuts.

Spread in prepared pan. Bake in preheated oven 20 to 25 minutes.

Makes 16 brownies; 114 calories, 18 g carbohydrate, 4 g fat (32 percent of calories from fat), 67 mg sodium and no cholesterol each.

Blue Ribbon Cook

Sweetly spicy sauce takes over chicken

Patricia K. Bitzer, Manchester, is this week's winner of dinner certificates to the Pasta House Co. for Chicken a l'Orange.

This main dish takes a couple minutes to prepare, bakes an hour almost untended in the oven and cleans up in a jiffy because aluminum foil lines the pan. The sauce has assertive flavor, so it could be used over pork chops with excellent results, too.

This month's Ham-It-Up Recipe Contest continues until April 30. Any type of easy-to-make recipe that uses ham will be accepted. It can be a recipe to use at any meal, including brunch, such as a soup or chowder, appetizer, sandwich, side dish or main dish.

Send a single recipe to: Ham-It-Up Recipe Contest, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, 63131.

Each Wednesday in May

a winner will be chosen on the basis of taste and eye appeal, as well as originality, although the recipe need not be original. That means there will be four winners in all.

Double-check directions and specific amounts, giving variations that individualize the recipe.

If possible, tell where the recipe came from and share specific information about special touches that give it a personal signature or a story about when it was served. Indicate which Journal newspaper you receive.

Duplicate entries will be considered on the basis of earlier entry or best compliance with rules. Contest winners may enter again six months after their prize-winning publication date.

CHICKEN A L'ORANGE

- 3 lb. chicken, cut-up (breasts, or legs and thighs)
- Garlic powder
- Salt and pepper (white preferred), if desired
- ½ cup orange marmalade
- ¼ cup steak sauce (A-1 suggested)
- ½ cup ketchup

Season chicken with garlic powder, salt and pepper to taste. Set on rack in foil-lined, shallow baking pan. Combine marmalade, steak sauce and ketchup. Mix until well blended. Baste chicken generously with sauce. Bake in preheated oven 1 hour, turning and basting occasionally. Makes 4 servings.

Menu idea: Serve over rice or buttered parsley egg noodles.

Recipe

MOROCCAN COUSCOUS

- ¾ cup couscous
- ¾ to 1 cup sun-dried tomato, cut in strips (kitchen shears works best)
- 1 cup raisins or currants
- 1½ cups boiling water or reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 2 cups chopped onion
- 3 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 can (16 oz.) small pinto beans, rinsed, drained
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tsp. grated orange peel
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- ½ cup finely chopped fresh parsley
- ½ cup orange juice
- 3 tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 tsp. thinly sliced green onion tops

In bowl, stir together couscous, tomato, raisins and boiling water. Let stand, covered, 15 minutes.

In large skillet over medium heat, sauté onion in 2 tablespoons olive oil about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until onion is golden.

Add beans, garlic and orange peel. Cook and stir until just heated through. Season with salt and pepper.

Stir couscous, using fork or chop to fluff. Add to skillet with parsley.

In small bowl, whisk remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil, orange juice and lemon juice until blended. Drizzle evenly over couscous mixture. Fluff with fork.

In serving bowl, sprinkle couscous with green onion.



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Today's Food

Heart-y Bites

By PAUL OTT

Saga of meatless Fridays tells tale of opportunity

Lent is coming to a close and those meatless meals on Fridays may be becoming a little repetitive. How many ways are there to serve tuna and grilled cheese? The local church fish fry sounds good, but frying tends to lessen the nutrient value of food and add a lot of fat.

A major source of fat and cholesterol in the American diet is meat and animal products, so an easy way to cut back is to limit the amount of meat served with meals. It is a good idea, not just during Lent, but year-round, to have one day each week without meat to help reduce factors that can lead to clogged arteries and increase the risk of heart attack or stroke.

The American Heart Association guidelines recommend limiting meat portions to not more than six ounces per day. Unless portions are weighed, it is hard to tell exactly how much is being eaten, so people underestimate the amounts they eat. Good choices on the once-a-week meatless day can help balance out the little extras.

Like during Lent, many meal planners don't know what to put on the plate of a meatless meal. Traditional basics of the American diet are, in order, meat, starch, vegetable, literally "meat and potatoes."

The question is, if the main part is cut out, what is there to eat?

First ideas often range from cheese to peanut butter, which is OK once in a while, but usually not for dinner. Eggs are fine, but

yolks should be limited to three or four per week because of their high levels of cholesterol, they usually are a breakfast item.

Is starvation the next line of offense?

In reality, options are limitless. There are beans, rice, pasta, vegetables, salads, casseroles. The list goes on and on.

The best way to start is with a vegetarian or meatless cookbook. Look at inviting photographs and recipes for ideas on meatless meals. They usually have nutrient breakdown. Some authors plan entire meals. It doesn't get much easier.

People also tend to fall short in getting fruits and vegetables. On days without meat, intake of these vitamin-loaded and fiber-rich foods may increase as vegetables replace meat. Vegetables are lower in calories than fat-laden meat and therefore helps a person feel full.

A bonus of going meatless once a week is the variety. It puts pizzazz in the routine of meal planning, as well as cooking and eating.

This satisfying dish, adapted from the "Meatless Gourmet" cookbook fills the plate well with bread and salad with a low-fat dressing served alongside.

Registered dietitian Paul Ott is a member of the nutrition committee of the American Heart Association, St. Louis Chapter.

American Heart Association representatives will conduct supermarket tours throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area now through June.

cheese
Pepper to taste

In small bowl, cover tomatoes with boiling water. Set aside.

Cook pasta according to package directions. Steam broccoli until tender-crisp.

In large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Cook garlic 30 seconds.

Combine wine, water, basil and oregano.

Add to garlic and cook 1 minute. Remove from heat.

Add pasta and broccoli. Drain tomatoes and add to pasta. Add feta. Mix well.

Makes 4 servings; 352 calories, 13 g protein, 9 g fat, 285 mg sodium and 19 mg cholesterol each.

cous, tomato, raisins and boiling water. Let stand, covered, 15 minutes.

In large skillet over medium heat, saute onion in 2 tablespoons olive oil about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until onion is golden.

Add beans, garlic and orange peel. Cook and stir until just heated through. Season with salt and pepper.

Stir couscous, using fork, or chop to fluff. Add to skillet with parsley.

In small bowl, whisk remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil, orange juice and lemon juice until blended. Drizzle evenly over couscous mixture. Fluff with fork.

In serving bowl, sprinkle couscous with green onion.

Makes 6 side-dish servings; 270 calories, 10 g fat, no cholesterol, 240 mg sodium, 46 g carbohydrate, 8 g protein and 10 g dietary fiber each (using water and no salt).

minced ginger root or 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger, 1 teaspoon sugar, 3/4 teaspoon minced garlic and 1/2 teaspoon red pepper. Toss with hot cooked pasta. Yields 1 1/4 cups.

BARBECUE WRAPS

Add a favorite barbecue sauce to cooked, crumbled lean ground beef. Heat through; mixture should be thick. Spoon coleslaw into large flour tortillas. Top with beef mixture. Fold enchilada-style.

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- 1 tsp. olive or canola oil
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 2/3 cup water
- 2 tsp. chopped fresh or 2 tsp. dried basil
- 1 tsp. chopped fresh or 1 tsp. dried oregano
- 1/2 cup (3 oz.) crumbled feta

Recipe

MOROCCAN COUSCOUS

- 3/4 cup couscous
- to 1 cup sun-dried tomato, cut in strips (kitchen shears works best)
- cup raisins or currants
- 1/4 cups boiling water or reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 2 cups chopped onion
- 1 can (16 oz.) small pinto beans, rinsed, drained
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tsp. grated orange peel
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup finely chopped fresh parsley
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 3 tsp. lemon juice
- 1 tsp. thinly sliced green onion tops

In bowl, stir together cous-

SPICY

PEANUT SAUCE

Combine 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter, 1/4 cup ketchup, 1/4 cup rice wine vinegar, 1/4 cup water, 2 tablespoons soy sauce, 1 1/2 teaspoons

By JUDY EDDY

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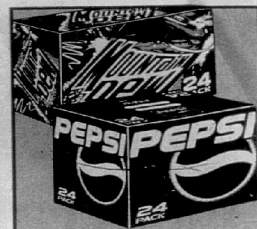
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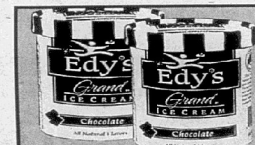
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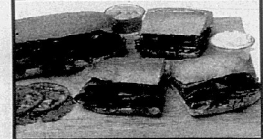
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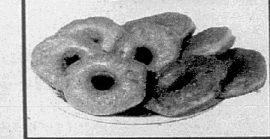
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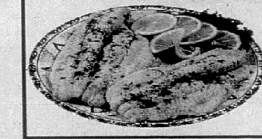
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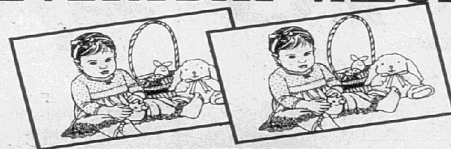
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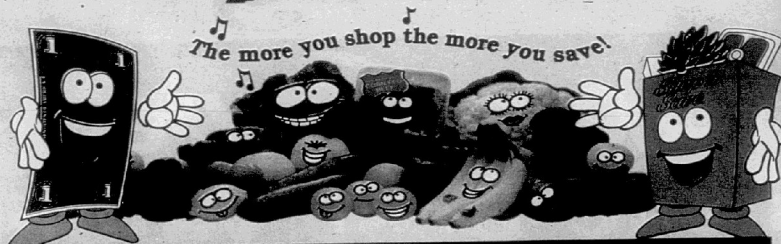


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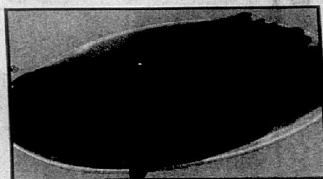
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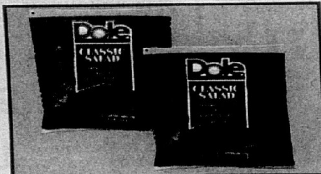
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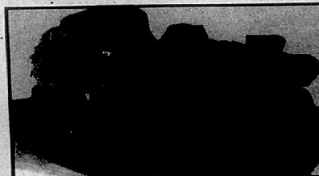


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**Subaru
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**By Tom
Strongman**

Subaru's tall and boxy Forester is one of the latest in the parade of car-based sport-utility vehicles (SUVs) streaming out of automakers' factories.

This upright, square-jawed four-door has all the charm and character of a small sports ute, yet it rides and handles like a tall station wagon. It compares with Toyota's RAV4 and Honda's CR-V, yet it sits close to the ground for easy step-in and better cornering.

In fact, one of the things I like most about the Forester, aside from its chunky, earth-shoe styling, is the way it hunkers down when you hustle it through a freeway ramp. It's as though you can feel its low center of gravity, like a heavy keel on a sailboat, keeping the lean from getting too severe, despite the fact that it has a high ceiling and lots of head room.

The growth of SUVs, as well as SUV look-alikes, continues apace, and for good reason. People want their vehicles to be versatile and flexible, capable of hauling lawn implements or camping gear or recreational "stuff" as conveniently as it carries them to work or on trips. They like the upright seating position and commanding view of the road.

The rise of SUVs with car-like roots seems to be the next big thing. Although Subaru started the trend with its Outback, others have been quick to follow. In addition to the RAV4 and CR-V, Lexus has its RX 300, Audi is toying with an all-road Quattro and Volvo has a cross-country version of its four-wheel-drive station wagon.

Back to the Forester. Based on the Impreza platform with a 99.4-inch wheelbase, it has a 2.5-liter, four-cylinder engine mounted over the front wheels. This short and low engine has its cylinders arrayed horizontally, two on one side and two on the other. Called a "boxer," its configuration resembles that of an original Volkswagen or a Porsche 911, although it is cooled with water and not air. Power output is 165 horses, certainly ade-

quate in light of the Forester's 3,120-pound curb weight.

In the past, some Subaru engines sounded a bit noisy, but the Forester's was well-muffled and mounted in such a way as to keep vibration out of the cabin.

All-wheel-drive is standard, as it is on all Subarus sold in this country, and it works invisibly. It comes with both a five-speed manual and an automatic transmission. With the automatic, which I drove, Subaru's system sends about 90 percent of the power to the front wheels in normal driving conditions. As traction deteriorates and wheel slippage occurs, such as it would in snow or rain, the system adjusts by directing more power to the rear wheels.

Inside, our Forester S gave a nod toward its outdoor/active roots with an electronic compass, barometer and thermometer mounted in a small pod atop the center of the dashboard. The heating/cooling controls are nice and simple, but not so the stereo, whose tiny buttons were obscurely marked and difficult to use.

Curiously, only one cup holder was built into the instrument panel. Another is located in the small console between the front seats. Speaking of the front bucket seats, they were generally comfortable and upholstered in light tan cloth. The seats in the back were quite firm, and there was adequate, but not generous, leg room for adults.

The appeal of vehicles like this is hauling stuff. When I folded the rear seat forward to create a flat load floor I found I could just barely get my bike inside, even without the front wheel. A 99.4-inch wheel base just doesn't allow a large cargo space. A washable rubber cargo mat, on the other hand, was

quite handy for protecting the carpet from dirt.

With all seats in place and the cargo security shade in place I noticed quite a bit of noise from the back of the vehicle over bumpy roads. For some reason, there was less noise with the seats folded down.

The Forester slots nicely in among its peers from Toyota and Honda. It has the rugged good looks of an SUV, yet it is civilized enough to conduct your daily chores without making you feel like you are in a truck. It sits low to the ground, is easy to step into, yet has plenty of head room and a roof tall enough to accommodate lots of gear.

Foresters come in three trim levels, and ours was the fanciest S model. Its base price of \$22,195 included anti-lock disc brakes, air conditioning, AM/FM stereo cassette, power windows, power mirrors, cruise control, tilt wheel, roof rack, fog lights and reclining seats.

Options included the automatic transmission, heated front seats and heated mirrors. The sticker price was \$23,790.

The standard warranty is for three years or 36,000 miles.

Point: The Forester is as charming as a Labrador puppy. It offers all-wheel drive, SUV styling and the handling of a sedan.

Counterpoint: The cargo space lacks depth, the stereo is frustrating and a fair amount of road noise was transmitted through the back end.

POINTS & PLUGS

By Rick Stoff

Gasoline hasn't been so cheap since 1994, says the American Automobile Association. The national average for self-service regular unleaded gasoline fell 4.5 cents per gallon in February to \$1.11, a fall of 17.3 cents in one year. The last time the overall average was lower was May 1994, when it slipped to \$1.10.

February prices in the Midwest averaged \$1.05, 21.7 cents lower than the same month in 1997. The Midwest enjoyed the biggest regional drop in the past year.

The cheapest fuel, however, was enjoyed in the Southeast states, where unleaded regular averaged \$1.04. The highest prices are paid out West, where regular averages nearly \$1.25 per gallon. The West also realized the smallest price drop in the country, 12.1 cents.

Averages for other regions: New England, \$1.16 per gallon; Mid-Atlantic, \$1.11; Great Lakes, \$1.06; and Southwest, \$1.10.

The world's auto manufacturers are asking their governments to let them sing in harmony, at least when it comes to safety and emissions regulations.

Trade associations representing the auto industries of the U.S., Europe and Japan met at the Geneva international auto show and issued a statement that calls upon governments to "harmonize" regulations that complicate international trade.

"Currently, a variety of safety and emissions regulations are developed on a national or regional basis. Though they all aim at the same result — to protect drivers, passengers and the environment — the regulations are set differently," said a statement issued by the American, Japanese and European automobile manufacturers associations.

"This obliges auto manufacturers to develop, design and manufacture various vehicles and engines following different regulations," the associations said. "Globally, this does not deliver incremental benefit to the users, but duplicates substantially the engineering and manufacturing complexity of the vehicles, thereby increasing unnecessarily the costs to the consumer."

The groups hope the major auto-producing nations can arrive at "determinations of functional equivalence" on regulatory issues.

Nearly half of Americans thoroughly enjoy their driving time, reports a poll conducted by St. Louis-based Maritz Marketing Research Inc., for a report in the March issue of American Demographics magazine.

The poll of American drivers found that about one in four (19 percent) of men and 27 percent of women sometimes feel unsafe in their cars. But 30 percent of drivers say they carry a cell phone when driving, and 45 percent agreed with the statement, "Driving is my time to think and enjoy being alone."

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NEWS

New facility has Shrine residents optimistic

By Cheryl A. Moody
Staff writer

Residents of the Apartment Community at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows are excited about the construction of a 38-bed Assisted Living Facility.

"It's going to be a wonderful thing," said Jane Eilers, 68, a retirement community resident. "It gives us security and comfort to know we have another choice instead of going to the nursing home."

Edward Berkenkotter, a resident of the retirement community for almost four years, agreed with Eilers.

"It's an in-between spot. Some people in geriatrics need constant assistance. People in the high rise community will

help themselves. People in assisted living will be assisted," Berkenkotter said.

The new facility, called the St. Francis Center, will be a one-of-a-kind, state-of-the-art facility for southern Illinois, said Bob McCordle, apartment community administrator.

McCordle added that the center will be a halfway point between a nursing home and retirement facility.

McCordle said people are often caught in the middle move to a nursing home too soon. He also said that sometimes retirement community residents stay too long because they don't need nursing home care.

Assisted living will provide 24-hour supervision and assistance with things such as laun-

dering, dressing, and bathing. "We will be helping them to manage themselves instead of doing it for them," McCordle said. "We will help them choose clothing, but if they can't dress themselves, they can't stay here."

McCordle said there will be no nurses in uniforms at the St. Francis Center. However, there will be 24-hour emergency response, three meals a day, and housekeeping services.

Each individual room will be

around 430-square feet, with one bedroom, and one-room accommodations which include a private bath, kitchenette and room for personal belongings.

Residents of St. Francis will share a large dining room, private dining room, activity room and even a lodge-like room with a vaulted ceiling and fireplace.

When complete, the \$3.5 million, single-level facility will occupy almost 25,000-square feet and be connected to the rest of the Shrine's apartment

community by a 50-foot connecting corridor.

The residents also will be able to use the apartment community's chapel, library, beauty shop and other services.

The St. Francis Center became possible when a resident of the apartment community willed a large monetary gift specifically for the construction of an assisted living center.

"The resident had used the nursing home and felt it was a shame that people had to use a

nursing home if they really didn't need one," McCordle said.

Architectural drawings were blessed this week during a ground-breaking ceremony for the new center.

McCordle said actual construction should begin next week with anticipated completion in December.

Anyone seeking additional information should call 397-6700 and ask for the Marketing Department.

BIRTHS

Austin and Owen Murphy
J. REED MURPHY and SHARI MURPHY of Belleville have announced the birth of two boys.

Austin Reed Murphy was born at 8:48 a.m. Feb. 1, 1998, and Owen Reed Murphy was born at 9:02 a.m. Feb. 1, 1998, at Missouri Baptist Medical Center. Both boys weighed 5 pounds and 7 ounces.

Their maternal grandparents are Rocky and Betty Hasenstab of Belleville.

Their paternal grandparents are Pete and Connie Crump.

Mariah Harris
LARRY and ROSE HARRIS JR. of Freeburg have announced the birth of their

second child, a daughter.

Mariah Ann Harris was born at 1:15 p.m. Feb. 2, 1998, at St. John's Mercy Medical Center. She weighed 8 pounds and 2 ounces and joins her brother, Jeremy.

Her maternal grandparents are Clara Wuebels of Damlansville.

Paternal grandparents are Larry and Joyce Harris of Freeburg.

Cheyenne Oxendine
KEIGARD and MELISSA OXENDINE of Duplo have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter.

Cheyenne Renal Oxendine was born at 7:27 p.m. Feb. 8, 1998, at St. John's Mercy Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds and 7 ounces.

Her maternal grandparents are Linda Lerr and John Hindrichs both of St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are Edna and Arlee Oxendine of Cahokia.

Ian Mannino
THOMAS and LORI MANNINO of Belleville have announced the birth of their second child, a son.

Ian Patrick Mannino was born on Feb. 10, 1998, at Barnes-Jewish. He weighed 6 pounds and 14 ounces and joins Nolan Mannino age 20 months.

His maternal grandparents are Bob and Kathy Lobermeyer of Belleville.

Paternal grandfather is Vince Mannino of Waterloo.

Sau Wan Ho of Los Angeles
Paternal grandparent is Thea da Hogue of Los Angeles.

Makala Burch
WILLIAM BURCH and TAMMY HOWARD of Cahokia have announced the birth of a daughter.

Makala Renae Burch was born on Feb. 13, 1998, at Missouri Baptist Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds and 13 ounces and joins Nathan Burch age 9 and Alecia Burch age 7.

Her maternal grandparents are Roy and Betty Howard of Cahokia.

Paternal Bill and Carol Burch of Cahokia.

Tavion Anthony
LADONNA ANTHONY of Washington Park has announced the birth of her first child, a son.

Tavion Demontez Anthony was born on Feb. 17, 1998, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital. He weighed 3 pounds and 6 ounces.

His maternal grandmother is Wilma Anthony of Washington Park.

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In the Belleville Farm Credit office, Brent Stayton, JoAnn Vosse and Kris Wild will provide area farmers and ranchers with the financial solutions needed for a growing industry.

Stayton, vice president of financial services, offers more than 17 years of agricultural lending experience to area producers. Raised on a combination grain/livestock farm in Macoupin County, he will continue to be responsible for serving customer needs in St. Clair, Monroe and Randolph counties.

Vosse, financial services officer, is a Farm Credit

Services veteran and has worked extensively with farmers and ranchers in Southern Illinois for more than 23 years. A native of St. Clair County, she brings an impressive background of agricultural lending and customer service to her position focusing on servicing customer needs and customer satisfaction in Madison, Bond and St. Clair counties.

Wild, a financial services specialist, is responsible for daily office and financial services procedures. A native of rural Monroe County, she brings more than 14 years of Farm Credit knowledge and experience in accounting, credit and customer service to the Belleville team.

Farm Credit Services of Southeastern Illinois provides financial products and services to 39 Southern Illinois counties. It is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System, the largest provider of agricultural finance products and services to American agriculture.

Gateway Chapter to donate books

As part of an ongoing program to bring the latest information concerning multiple sclerosis to the community, the Gateway Area Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is donating 350 copies of Rosalind C. Kalb's "Multiple Sclerosis: The Questions You Have — The Answers You Need" to area public libraries.

In St. Clair County, the book is available at the Belleville Public Library, Belleville Public Library, West branch, Caseyville Public Library, East St. Louis Public Library, Fairview Heights Public Library, Cahokia Public Library.

The book is a question-and-answer guide for individuals with MS, their families and all health-care providers.

"Education is one of the prime objectives of the MS Society," said Pat Knoerle-Jordan, president of the Gateway Area Chapter. "By sharing our

information with libraries, we can reach a greater number of people living in our 90-county service area throughout eastern Missouri and southern Illinois."

Multiple sclerosis is an unpredictable, chronic and often disabling disease that randomly attacks the central nervous system. Symptoms may include fatigue, impaired vision, slurred speech, stiffness and loss of balance and muscle coordination. The effects of MS are unpredictable. The MS Society is dedicated to helping people with MS maintain hope in the face of uncertainty and disability.

The society has the largest collection of information about MS worldwide, with many publications, audio cassettes and videotapes available through the Gateway Area Chapter lending library. For more information, call 781-9020 or (800) FIGHT-MS.

By Cheryl A. Moody
Staff writer

Students will be facing a tuition increase this fall at Belleville Area College.

Larry Schmalenberger, vice president for administrative services, said the college board unanimously approved a 2.3 percent increase at a special meeting on March 3. Effective for the 1998-1999 school year, the tuition rate will increase \$1 per semester hour. The increase also applies

to discounted rates, with regular tuition increasing from \$42.50 to \$43.50 this fall.

Regular tuition fees will increase another dollar during the 1999-2000 school year, from \$43.50 to \$44.50 per semester hour.

"Instead of waiting and increasing fees all at once, the board decided to implement gradual increases," Schmalenberger said.

BAC last raised tuition in 1996. Schmalenberger said that

even with the increase, BAC's tuition rate still falls below the state-wide average for all community colleges. The average this fall is expected to be around \$45 per semester hour.

For the average, full-time student at BAC, the 2.3 percent increase means about \$30 more annually, Schmalenberger said.

"There have not been any complaints. I think our students feel the education they receive here is still a good value."

The tuition hike is district-wide, which means the Red Bud and Granite City campuses will also be affected by the increase.

An increase of \$10 in lab fees also will be seen this summer in the following courses:

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Fraternity forms successful cultural project

By Jason White
Staff writer

Homicide is the leading cause of death for blacks ages 15 to 24.

One in four black men in their 20s is involved in the criminal justice system.

Half of all homicides involved blacks, and 94 percent of the victims knew each other.

These and other statistics led

the Nu Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. to form Project Manhood in 1993.

"We did a lot of research on some of the problems with youth," project organizer Frederick Birth said.

Project Manhood is a six-month program for males ages 12-17 in St. Clair County. About 35 youth are involved in the program now, Birth said.

Air Force Maj. Charlie Jackson at Scott Air Force Base

was a "driving force" behind the program's inception. Birth said. It started as "The Black American Male: An Endangered Species" in the summer of 1993.

After receiving funding from several local sources, Project Manhood expanded to a year-round program, Birth said.

Project Manhood's goals are to enable participants to serve as productive citizens, to foster non-violent conflict resolution, to promote self-esteem, to promote respect for self and others, to expose participants to job opportunities, to help participants understand the criminal justice system and to enable participants to effectively manage their time.

During the six months,

youths take classes on subjects ranging from AIDS to drug abuse, go on field trips to factories and correctional facilities and perform community service such as neighborhood cleanups.

The program culminates with Camp Challenge, where youngsters are placed in leadership roles and are asked to demonstrate problem-solving skills.

The program also forms partnerships with parents, schools, churches, businesses, government agencies and other civic and fraternal organizations.

"We believe that charity starts at home," states a grant proposal to the East St. Louis Community Fund.

Autism Society to meet

The Southern Illinois Chapter of The Autism Society of America will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the O'Fallon Public Library.

Catherine Genetti, an occupational therapist at Children's Hospital in St. Louis with a certification in sensory integration, will give a presentation.

The ASA-SIC meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the first Thursday of each month in the O'Fallon Public Library.

All interested parties are invited to join the organization. For more information about autism or the ASA-SIC, call Rita Helfrich, president, at 475-1735.

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